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Police chiefs: Funding has hit 'tipping point'

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THE top brass at Avon and Somerset Police have said that the constabulary is facing a tipping point due to financial constraints, which could see reverberations felt throughout community policing.

In a letter and report sent to

Policing and Fire Service Minister Nick Hurd, Police and Crime Commissioner Sue Mountstevens and Chief Constable Andy Marsh laid out some of their issues.

The force has repeatedly been recognised by HMIC as outstanding in driving efficiency and managing demand and the report sent to Mr Hurd explained: "We have achieved this by successfully transforming and innovating to manage the substantial funding reductions faced by police and other sectors.

"Despite a strict curb on pay increases, police officers and staff have shown tremendous resilience, professionalism and commitment, carrying out some of the toughest jobs in increasingly difficult circumstances. But we now face a tipping point.

"We cannot sustain further funding cuts without extremely serious consequences."

Since the Government's first comprehensive spending review in 2010, policing in Avon and Somerset has been hit hard with savings of £65 million and 655 fewer police officers.

Police in Avon and Somerset will have to find a further £17 million by 2021/22 to balance their budget going forward.

At the same time, the demand faced is increasing and growing in complexity. The threats of extremism, globalisation, organised crime and drugs, exploitation and abuse are less visible to communities, but if they aren't tackled effectively, the police say the impact would be substantial.

Mental health and missing people account for a considerable amount of police time; last year Avon and Somerset Police spent over 50,000 hours on this alone.

Chief Constable Andy Marsh said: "The challenging and tragic incidents of the last few weeks are a tangible demonstration of the stretch we are facing.

"Our staff have risen to the challenge to keep people safe, reassured and comforted with humanity, empathy and professionalism in very difficult circumstances.

"But our continuing ability to safeguard communities, protect the vulnerable and manage major incidents of this kind is being severely tested. It's simply not sus-

tainable.

"The human impact is very concerning. The prevalence of police officer and staff absence linked to mental health is increasing, annual pay awards have been capped for many years and the cumulative effect of this and restrained pay is having an impact on recruitment in forces up and down the country.

"In times of rising costs, increased pressure and minimal pay increases, vocation is no longer always enough.

"We've reached a tipping point. There are serious choices to be made and we don't believe we can or should make those alone.

"We believe the time has come for others to share the risk, and budget decisions and future choices about funding should be made in the full knowledge of what they are."

Police and Crime Commissioner Sue Mountstevens said: "We have reached the point where enough is enough and policing in Avon and

Somerset cannot be stretched any further.

"With yet another terror attack on the country's capital recently, the reverberations felt locally continue to test all those responsible for ensuring the continued safety of our local communities.

"We need investment in policing, funding to strengthen our neighbourhood policing teams in order to focus on prevention, tackling terrorism before it happens.

"When the Government say there is 'extra policing on the ground' this does not mean we are magically given additional officers to increase our numbers.

"What this means is we are forced to ask officers, PCSOs, staff and volunteers, who are already working hard, to do even more; extending their shifts, adding to their tasks and increasing their workload.

"I'm supportive of the recent announcement of a rise in public sector pay; however, without the Government providing any additional finance, this causes even more significant strain to our stretched budget.

"We estimate this will cost approximately £1.1m and without better real-terms funding protection from the Government, this is more money we have to find.

"The Chief Constable and I are already making some difficult choices locally based on our reducing budgets, lack of funding and investment and diminishing resources.

"It's important that the Government know what we face locally and understand the consequences of our current situation and the implications on the service we are able to deliver as a result."



CONCERNED: Avon and Somerset PCC Sue Mountstevens and Chief Constable Andy Marsh

YEOVIL NEWS THIS WEEK

FLUORESCENT walkers stepped out from Yeovil Town Football Club to show their support for St Margaret's Somerset Hospice. The Great Somerset Night Walk 2017 had an 80s theme, so there were plenty of leg-warmers, fingerless gloves, leggings and rara skirts to be seen by the 100 or so walkers who descended on Huish Park for the off.

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CHARD NEWS THIS WEEK

A TEAM of golfers from Chard have donated £4,000 to leading charity Diabetes UK after taking part in several fundraisers.

The players from Cricket St Thomas Golf Club, led by Clive Fisk, staged a golf day at the beginning of the month which raised nearly £1,400.

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ILMINSTER NEWS THIS WEEK

THE Mayor of Ilminster is inviting the town's youngsters to enter a Christmas card drawing competition.

To take part you must either live in Ilminster or go to school in Ilminster and be under the age of 16.

Entries are to be received by Ilminster Town Council by Monday, October 30th.

They can be sent by post to: Ilminster Town Council, The Council Offices, North Street, Ilminster, Somerset TA19 0DG or emailed to: town.council@ilmminster.gov.uk

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CREWKERNE NEWS THIS WEEK

THE bumper cars at St Bartholomew's Fair in Crewkerne proved to be perfect for Sheila Stone's 90th birthday celebrations.

Almost 20 cars filled with family and friends were used to celebrate the special day.

A repeat visit is planned for next year.

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EU grant boost for Devon start-ups

DEVON County Council has received more than £1,050,000 from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) to increase the number of social enterprise start-ups and to support the growth of existing ones.

The council is the lead authority for the Enhance Social Enterprise Project, which will be rolled out throughout the Heart of the South West (HotSW) Local Enterprise Partnership area (Devon and Somerset).

Existing social enterprises will be supported to develop and launch new products and services as well as entering new markets.

There will also be support for voluntary and community sector groups that want to transi-

tion into trading social enterprises, as well as budding social entrepreneurs in need of help to develop their ideas to start trading.

The programme involves a minimum of 12 hours of tailored business support.

A HotSW social enterprise survey last year found that the sector is growing in the region.

There are over 1,000 social enterprises in the LEP area with a combined turnover estimated at around £1.5 billion.

The number of people employed in the social enterprise sector in the HotSW LEP area is estimated to be 32,700 with at least as many volunteers also active.

While 80 per cent of social enterprises plan to

develop new products or services and 66 per cent plan to increase their turnover by exploiting new markets, they have identified a number of support needs, including developing and introducing new products and services, measuring social value, and marketing and communications.

Councillor Stuart Barker, Devon County

Council Cabinet Member for Enterprise and Skills, said: "The Heart of the South West area is a hotspot for social enterprise start-ups, with 37 per cent of social enterprises less than three years old."

To register an interest for the programme, visit <https://new.devon.gov.uk/economy/business-support/enhance-social-enterprise>

Rangers' plea to keep dogs under control on Ham Hill

HAM Hill Countryside Rangers have pleaded with the public to keep control of their dogs following a nasty incident at the country park recently.

The rangers at the park, near Yeovil, spent a morning last week trying to capture and contain a grey and white greyhound that spent two hours chasing and mauling the grazing sheep in the flat fields at Ham Hill Country Park.

The dog was running amok among the flock and is known to have injured at least two of the grazing ewes, but the number is expected to rise once the shepherd has checked his flock.

At the time of the attack, the farmer was called and asked to attend, as catching the dog was proving impossible and the last resort was for it to be shot.

The greyhound eventually made away towards the car parks and rangers are led to believe that the dog was caught by its owner and quickly loaded into a vehicle and driven swiftly away.

South Somerset District Council is appealing for any witnesses to come forward following the attack and a spokesman said: "Did you see the

dog owner, or the vehicle and its registration plate? We need to speak to the owner about this incident; it was very serious and almost resulted in their pet being shot.

"The dog eventually made off in a different direction but the owner still has a responsibility to compensate our farmer for his coming vet bills."

Councillor Sylvia Seal, Portfolio Holder for Countryside, added: "Signs are always erected on the gateways advising the walking public when livestock are in place, so please make sure your dogs are on a lead and under control.

"The district council and farmer are prepared to take the strongest course of action if an out of control dog is caught worrying sheep.

"If you are witness to such an incident please do call the farmer or ranger teams; the mobile numbers are on the gateway posters.

"A dog attack is very traumatic for the whole flock. Sheep have been known to die simply from shock, although usually the wounds inflicted by just one dog bite are sufficient to kill."

"Under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953, it is an offence to allow a dog to worry (attack and chase) livestock on agricultural land.

The offence is enforced by the Police and could result in a fine."

If anyone knows anything, contact South Somerset District Council on 01935 462462, the rangers on 01935 823617 or via email countryside@southsomerset.gov.uk

New scheme to help local businesses grow

EVERY ambitious business in Devon has the chance to gain free support after the county council helped launch the new Fast Track to Growth programme.

Backed by the county council and a host of other organisations, Fast Track to Growth helps companies achieve better business growth through targeted free expertise.

All companies who join automatically qualify to attend Growth Day events, with double the number of firms shortlisted for a full intensive Growth programme – 15 smaller and 15 larger firms.

Companies can join Fast Track to Growth 2018 at www.ft2g.co.uk

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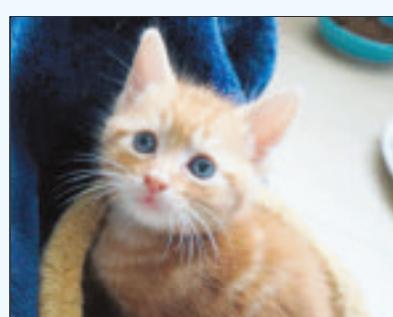
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WORK on the new EDDC base in Honiton is now under way

Work gets under way on new East Devon District Council HQ

CONSTRUCTION of East Devon District Council's new headquarters in Honiton is progressing well with groundwork completed and the building foundations under way.

The council is expected to be working in the new premises by December 2018 and contractors, Interserve Construction Ltd, are on schedule

to complete on time.

The new offices are designed for flexible modern ways of working and will accommodate the central services of the council and provide the breadth of public services as well.

The building will be fully accessible as well as energy efficient.

A new council chamber and meeting

rooms will have up-to-date audio visual facilities for councillors, officers and the public to use.

Visually, the building will be contemporary in shape with more traditional elements of pitched roofs and brickwork.

The headquarters are sited alongside the council's well used business centre, ensuring that it will

be part of a service hub for residents and business community alike.

Cllr Paul Diviani, leader of the council, viewed the construction last week along with deputy Leader Cllr Phil Twiss.

Cllr Diviani said: "As promised, we are delivering on our commitment to East Devon residents and businesses to provide a new headquarters in the heart of the district that will be cost effective, well designed and ensures the council is fit for the future."

Along with the con-

struction work in Honiton, the council is currently investing in the modernisation of Exmouth Town Hall to provide future council services and the building is expected to reopen in November.

Once the move to Honiton is complete, the council say they will have a strong presence in its two largest towns making its services even more accessible to its residents.

Earlier this year the council decided that its relocation to Honiton could go ahead in the expectation of fu-

ture sale of East Devon's current office site at Knowle in Sidmouth, which is owned outright by the local authority.

Knowle's sale and ultimate redevelopment will still take place in the future and the capital receipt will then be secured to part fund the relocation which will cost £10,361,000 in total.

'Have a Heart' for National Adoption Week next month

SOMERSET Children in Care have helped kick-start a 'Have a Heart' campaign in the lead up to National Adoption Week to raise awareness of the number of children waiting to be adopted.

'National Adoption Week' launches on October 16th and encourages people to consider adopting a child or to help spread the word about the urgent need for more adopters.

Somerset County Council is encouraging everyone to join in the 'Have a Heart' campaign to help spread the message: take a photograph of a heart in as many ways as you like (from a children's drawing to a design on a t-shirt to icing on a cake) and photograph it for social media.

People can then post the heart picture on Facebook, twitter or Instagram with the hashtags #HaveaHeart #SupportAdoption.

Councillor Frances Nicholson, Cabinet Member for Children and Families at Somerset County Council, said: "Somerset needs a minimum of 30 adopters this year alone to give Somerset children a forever mum or dad.

"If you are looking to start or complete your family, we urge you to consider adopting a child."

"There are many children waiting right now, who deserve a safe and loving home. You can read their stories and the experiences of adopters at fosteradoptionset.org.uk

"Even if you are not in a position to adopt, you can help promote adoption and we would be very grateful for whatever you can do."

"We would urge any Somerset businesses and organisations to assist us in spreading the word by downloading a 'National Adoption Week' poster from our website or taking part in our 'Have a Heart' campaign via Social Media."

If you would like to know more about adopting a child, call 0800 587 9900 or come to an informal information event during National Adoption Week.

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In the six weeks since it took over the franchise from South West Trains, South Western Railway has accumulated thousands of lost property items.

As much as the rail operator say it enjoys sorting through the curiosities and keeping them in their custody, they are reminding passengers to check they have taken all their possessions before leaving the train.

Michael Pugh, Customer Experience Manager at Waterloo station (including Lost Property), said: "Our staff from across the network work hard to ensure passengers are reunited with their belongings.

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Yeovil Chamber lunch marks end of summer

MEMBERS and guests of the Yeovil Chamber of Trade got together on September 15th to enjoy a 'Last of the Summer' lunch.

The event took place at Home Farm in Chilthorne Domer – headquarters of the Piers Simon Appeal and its School in a Bag initiative.

Zoe Fox of School in a Bag gave a presentation about the history of the charity and its work of delivering rucksacks full of stationery and resources to poor, orphaned, vulnerable and disaster-affected children around the globe.

School in a Bag's Lis Foy was on hand to help some of the Chamber members actually pack a schoolbag which will be destined to support a child somewhere in the world.

Chris Worledge, of award-winning Ham Hill Cider, was also present at the lunch and he

gave an interesting and amusing talk about the traditional Somerset drink and took people on a greatly enjoyed tasting session.

Ham Hill Cider recently took the gold award at the Somerset Cider Championships held at the Mid-Somerset Show in August for its naturally sparkling Long Barrel Keeved cider, while the same tasty drop took silver at the British Cider Championships at this year's Royal Bath and West Show.

Dave Woan, president of the Yeovil Chamber of Trade, thanked everyone at School in a Bag for hosting the event and to Chris for his Ham Hill Cider tasting.

He also thanked Porter Dodson for sponsoring the Last of the Summer lunch and to No 5 Catering for the meal.

Crewkerne fair is big success

THE Rotary Club of Crewkerne District has praised everyone who helped make this year's St Bartholomew's Street Fair such a success, despite the traffic plan being breached by inconsiderate drivers and pedestrians.

The two-day event (September 1st and 2nd) brought an array of attractions, including market stalls, a fun fair, the church tower being opened, busking and the Boundary Walk.

Club president Martin Holley said: "Many, many thanks for all the hard work our volunteers have put in over the past year and all the hours spent over the weekend. You coped with everything that was thrown at you."

A club spokesperson added: "The event was unfortunately affected by drivers and pedestrians violating the emergency service-approved (and legally enforceable) safety plans, with dangerous driving bringing the one-way system perilously close to collapse at times."

Event organiser Sandra Shore summated: "The fair was once again a great success: the weather was kind to us and on

the whole the stallholders were happy."

Holding the event is very expensive and the event simply couldn't have happened without the kind sponsorship of A.J. Wakely & Sons, Ariel Atom, Bilby's Cafe, Crewkerne Town Council, Cyclelogical, Lidl, Nutram International, Oscars Wine Bar, Porthouse Technical Services Limited and Williams Solicitors, to whom much gratitude is owed.

The spokesperson added: "According to the recent town survey, the fair is attended by

nearly 90 per cent of residents and, as an ancient charter fair, is a valuable part of the town's identity.

"The fair will be one of the Waitrose green token charities this month – your tokens will be much appreciated."

If you would like to get involved with the club or with the fair committee you don't have to be invited, simply get in touch and arrange to meet the club by calling Martin on 07929 894396 or emailing membership@crewkernedistrictrotary.org.uk

New route for Chard children's carnival

THE Chard Carnival Children's procession has changed its route for this year and is making sure all those hoping to participate are aware.

The carnival will still be on the same day as the evening procession – October 14th – and will start at 12noon.

The carnival will start at Manor Court School, but it will then turn onto Crowshut

Link, down the High Street, Fore Street and then into Boden Street, it will finish at Chard Library car park.

The route change is for the children's procession only, and entries are open to anyone up to the age of 18 and completely free.

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Wadham celebrates its top achievers

A PACKED-out Minster in Ilminster was the setting for the Wadham School Awards Evening.

The headteacher for the Crewkerne school, David Derbyshire, said: "These awards recognise achievements, but also acknowledge the ways in which our students participate, contribute and enrich the life of the school and the wider community.

"We want our students to think about who they want to be, what sort of person they want to be and we know that becoming that person... living a good life... will need more than good qualifications – it will need the ability to relate well to others, to exercise leadership and work in a team, to show tolerance and kindness, to be self giving in love, to show forgiveness and understanding."

Following on in a similar theme, guest speaker and former Wadham student Dr Stuart Higgins inspired the audience saying that he attributed his success to having good role models at each stage of his life; people who shaped his life and guided him on a positive pathway, from his best school buddy that he looked up to at primary school, to his parents that always encouraged him to try new things, to his chemistry teacher who imparted a passion for the subject leading to the progression to Imperial College, London.

He then talked about some of the ground-breaking research he's been conducting into material science and engineering before presenting the student awards.

The headteacher rounded off proceedings by expressing how proud he is of the students' achievements, the awards reflecting the enthusiasm

and energy they invest in all they do.

He quoted from the most recent Ofsted report, which described Wadham School as "having an atmosphere in which achievement and good behaviour can flourish".

Mr Derbyshire said: "There will never be any complacency at Wadham. We shall continue to forge a school community in which good relationships and ambition for our students both academic and personal are at the core of everything we do."

The school is grateful to the support of parents, teachers, colleagues from partner schools, the Rotary Club, Gooch & Housego Ltd and civic representatives who attended the celebration.

AWARD WINNERS

Art: Year 9 (Maureen Hindle Cup) - Jemimah Dicker, Year 10 - Jessica Moody, Year 11 (Jill Hutchings Award) - Honey Goddard, Year 13 - Georgia Lennox.

Photography: Year 10 - Rosie Cornelius-Light, Year 11 - Grace Pitcher, Year 12 - Abigail Parham.

Drama: Year 10 (Junior Drama Cup) Asher Souster, Year 11 (Michaela Brown Shield for Performing Arts) - Merlin Forsey.

Music: Year 9 (Junior Music Cup) - Cloe Smith, Year 10 (Dawes Senior Music Cup) - Taryn White, Year 11 - Grace Dean, Year 13 (Sally Culmstock Cup for achievement in singing) - William Skinner.

Technology: Year 9 - Molly Gingell, Year 11 (Parker Hannifin Cup for Design & Technology) - Emma Bisset.

Engineering: Year 10 - Lucy Elsdale, Year 11 (Clyde Anderson Award) - Cameron Pym.

Graphics: Year 10 - Lucy Griffin, Year 11, Thomas Carter.

Product Design: Year 12 - Bradley Amor.

Resistant Materials: Year 10 - Arthur Hill, Year 11 - Thomas Singleton.

Food Technology: Year 10 - Bethany Wakeman, Year 11 - Honey Goddard.

Textiles: Year 10 - Emily Mock, Year 11 Caitlin Horne.

English: Year 9 - Joshua Welch, Year 10 - Jessie Killore.

English Language: Year 11 (Jacqui Taylor Award for GCSE Achievement) - Grace Dean, Year 12 - Corey Edwards, Year 13 - Amy Gardiner.

English Literature: Year 11 (Stella French Award for GCSE Achievement) - Sophie Feilder, Year 12 - Paige Mariner, Year 13 - Jacob Blow.

Modern Foreign Languages: Year 9 (Vanessa Salter Junior Linguist Award) - Olivia Marshall-James, Year 10 (The Crewkerne and District Twinning Association Award for Excellence in French) - Phoebe Carpenter, Year 11 (Vanessa Salter Senior Linguist Award) - Caitlin Horne, Year 12 - Bethany Lacey.

German: Year 10 - Alicia Gasior, Year 11 - Scott Hooper.

Business Studies: Year 10 - Kirsty Horner, Year 11 (Cathy Tremaine Award) - Thomas Channing, Year 12 - Bradley Amor, Year 13 (Cathy Tremaine Award) - Georgia Patch.

Geography: Year 9 - Joseph Hattersley, Year 10 - Bayley Calow, Year 11 - Edward Collins, Year 12 - Paige Mariner, Year 13 (Bennett Cup) - Lydia Gardiner.

History: Year 9 - Luke Thomas, Year 10 - Aidan Woodhead, Year 11 - James Lock, Year 12 - (Mary Tiffen Award) - Ashley Hartnell, Year 13 - Molly Paul.

Psychology: Year 12 - Abigail Parham, Year 13 - Emily Spriggs.

Religion and Philosophy: Year 9 - Josh Pridmore, Year 10 - Holly McIntyre, Year 11 - Isabel Cole, Year 12 - Gudrun Wood, Year 13 - Abigail Thurston.

Sociology: Year 12 (Branston Cup) - Marc Tristan Garcia, Year 13 - Catherine Baron.

Computer Science and ICT: Year 9 - Siobhan Powell, Year 10 Computer Science - Andrew Samsun, Year 10 ICT - Cameron Hayden, Year 11 - Kieran Wood, Year 12 - Jack Miller, Year 13 (Aerosystems Shield for ICT) - Daniel Munn.

Mathematics: Year 9 (The Rotary Award for Excellence in Maths) - Thomas Jackson, Year 10 - Hannah Forsey, Year 11 (The 77 Award) - Leah Russell, Year 12 - Charlie

Male, Chalmers Award for Mathematics - Thomas Clark.

Health and Social Care: Year 10 - Bayei Callow, Year 11 - Katie Barrett, Year 12 - Jasmin Smith.

Physical Education: Year 9 (Vickery Cup) - Noah Kruszynski, Year 10 - Caitlin Moffat, Year 11 (Spurway Family Award) - Joshua Tumi, Year 12 - Lia Dang.

Science: Year 9 - Frank Agar, Year 10 - Alicja Gasior, Year 11 - Kyra O'Regan, Year 12 (Gooch and Housego Award for Excellence in Science) - Thomas Clark, The Peter Spencer Memorial Award for Natural Science - Andrew Samsun.

Biology: Year 11 - Christopher Bagwell, Year 12 - Tara Worledge, Year 13 - William Skinner.

Chemistry: Year 11 - Edward Collins, Year 12 - Rebecca French, Year 13 - Isobel Rowe. **Physics:** Year 11 - Daniel Orr, Year 13 - Amy Gardiner.

Curriculum Support: Year 9 - Sophie Cozens, Year 10 - Callum Staines, Year 11 - Cody Knight.

GCSE Awards for Progress: Daniel Bartlett, Louise Bloomfield, Thomas Channing, Cody Knight, Katie Lenihan, Megan Middleton-Hunt, Kyra O'Regan, Laura Pearson, Joshua Pinchbeck, Saskia Rickard, Leah Russell.

GCSE Awards for Attainment: Hannah Applegate, Christopher Bagwell, Katie

Barrett, Kaitlyn Carter, Edward Collins, Scott Hooper, Harry Jackson, Abigail Lawson, Daniel Orr.

GCSE Awards for both Progress and Attainment: Molly Campbell, Grace Dean, Sophie Feilder, Caitlin Horne, Ryan Jeffrey, Chloe Sperinck, Kieran Wood.

Award for receiving three Grade 9s in their GCSEs: Sophie Feilder & Caitlin Horne

A-Level Awards for Progress: Angel Bentil-Tumi, Georgia Lennox, Molly Paull, William Skinner, Emily Spriggs, Stuart Weston, Bradley Williams..

The Old Ilminsterian Cup for Achievement: William Skinner.

Governors' Award for Personal Endeavour: Year 11 - Brendon Keates.

Friends of Wadham Award for Service to the School: Year 11 - Holly Goddard.

Director of Learning Awards: Year 9 - Chloe Smith, Year 10 - Lucy Elsdale, Year 11 - Grace Truong, Year 12 - Paige Mariner.

The Above and Beyond Award: Cody Knight.

The Rotary Club 'Service above Self' Award: Edward Collins.

Governors' Award for Service to the School: The Head Student Team 2016/17 - Angel Bentil-Tumi, Amy Gardiner, Sarah Keylock, Archie Mitchell, Jack Moore, Isobel Rowe, William Skinner.

Headteacher's Award: William Skinner.



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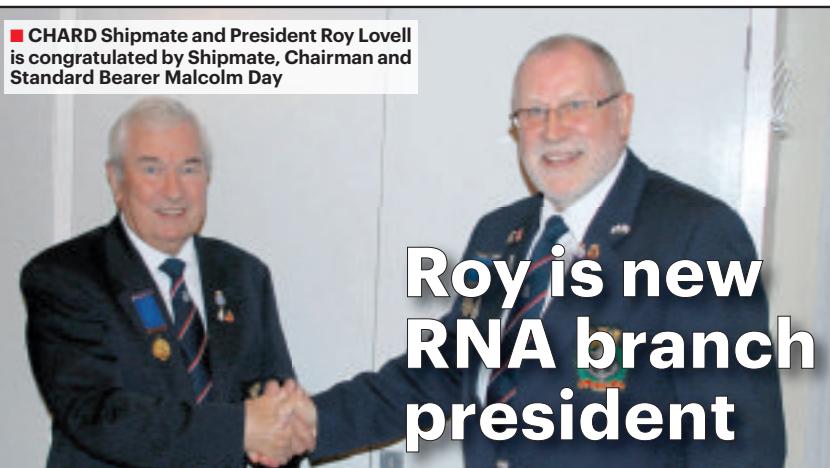


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■ CHARD Shipmate and President Roy Lovell is congratulated by Shipmate, Chairman and Standard Bearer Malcolm Day



Roy is new RNA branch president

THE Chard branch of the Royal Naval Association has announced that they are bestowing Vice President Shipmate Roy Lovell the honour of Branch President.

Members present at the September bi-monthly official meeting showed their agreement and pleasure of this intention.

The honour was gratefully received by the surprised Roy who stated he was truly honoured and would endeavour to maintain the high standard that is expected of the role.

The nomination of Roy as president, in the 30th year of the branch, is worthiest in light of the fact that Roy, a locally born and bred member, was instrumental in initiating the Chard branch of the association.

Roy along with other ex-

Royal Navy locals talked about instigating a branch and, due to Roy making the initial contact with RNA Headquarters in Portsmouth, was put in the 'hot seat' after being 'volunteered' as Branch Secretary, a role he held for 27 years.

On retiring from this post due to family commitments he was asked to take on the role of Vice President, which he accepted, and has resulted in his continual support of both the branch and the Royal Naval Association for the past 30 years.

The branch, as a result of his actions, was Commissioned on October 3rd 1987 and will be holding its 30th anniversary celebrations on Saturday, October 21st, in conjunction with the branch's annual Trafalgar Night cele-

bration to be held in The Shrubbery, Ilminster, with members from across Area Four of the Royal Naval Association attending to give support to this achievement.

Following the evening celebrations at The Shrubbery, Chard Royal Naval Association members and their guests will be attending the branch's annual Trafalgar Service in St Thomas' Church, Cricket St Thomas, at 10am on Sunday, October 22nd.

Every year on this occasion the Chard Branch Standard is paraded at the church service, and this year members of other Area Four Branches attending the Trafalgar Night and 30th anniversary celebrations will also be presenting and parading their standards.

Masons and Rotarians club together for stairlift

CHARD Masonic Lodge and Chard Rotary Club recently joined forces to improve access to the upstairs ballroom in the Phoenix Hotel, where members meet on a regular basis.

Realising that the staircase leading to the ballroom was

beginning to cause problems for some members, the two organisations worked with the owners of the Phoenix Hotel to install a stair lift on the main staircase.

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Golfers raise £4,000 for diabetes charity



■ THE Trolley Dollies present their cheque to Annika Palmer of Diabetes UK (above) and at the Red Bull Soapbox challenge in London earlier this year (right)



Talk at surgery AGM

THE Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Springmead Surgery in Chard will be held at 7pm in the surgery on Wednesday, October 4th.

Retired GP Dr Peter Glanvill will give an illustrated talk entitled 'The Rushing Water and the Frozen Deep'.

Peter was instrumental in the discovery and exploration of the largest cave chain in Europe four years ago, near the Cheddar Gorge in the Mendip Hills.

All patients of the surgery and their friends are welcome to attend.

A TEAM of golfers from Chard have donated £4,000 to leading charity Diabetes UK after taking part in several fundraisers.

The players from Cricket St Thomas Golf Club, led by Clive Fisk, staged a golf day at the beginning of the month which raised nearly £1,400.

Dubbed the Red Bull Soapbox Competition, this was a follow-up event to the Red Bull Soapbox Race, which the golf buddies entered in July.

This international event held at Alexandra Palace in London, saw amateur drivers race highly creative homemade non-motorised soapbox vehicles at breakneck speed on a downhill course.

On that occasion Clive, 74, piloted his team's entry, Golf's Trolley Dollies, accompanied by a pit crew comprising fellow members of Cricket St Thomas Golf Club, Andy Beale, 67, and club pro Liam Clarke, 32, and Daniel Pugh, 42, from London.

The four were dressed as air stewardesses with wings and Clive Fisk completed the course in 51 seconds. The team raised £3,000.

Clive Fisk said: "Not content with surviving the Red Bull Soapbox Race in July, we wanted to see if we could make even more money for Diabetes UK, but this time we decided to opt for a slightly safer fundraiser – a golf competition.

Peter Hodges
Reporter | peter@viewnews.co.uk

"It was a great day and at the same time boosted funds for a charity that is dear to my heart, as my son has Type 1 diabetes. We're hoping the final tally will be close to £4,500."

An original cartoon of Donald Trump playing golf by *Telegraph* cartoonist Bob 'BoB' Moran raised £512 in a silent auction.

Type 1 diabetes cannot be prevented and is not associated with diet or lifestyle. People with Type 1 diabetes require daily insulin injections to stay alive. Type 2 diabetes can sometimes be prevented through lifestyle changes.

Diabetes UK is the leading charitable funder of diabetes research in the UK, investing around £7 million every year.

Annika Palmer, South West regional head of Diabetes UK, said: "Clive and his friends from Cricket St Thomas Golf Club never fail to surprise or entertain us with their brilliant fundraising ideas. They certainly give a whole new meaning to the words 'crazy golf'! We are incredibly grateful for their extremely generous support."

If you're interested in taking part in or organising a fundraising event for Diabetes UK, go to www.diabetes.org.uk/Get-involved/Fundraising-events



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Chrysanths and dahlias are blooming marvellous

THE Holy Trinity Scout Hall was awash with an abundance of smell and colour the weekend before last – thanks to the Yeovil Chrysanthemum and Dahlia Society.

The society held its 57th open chrysanthemum and dahlia show on Saturday and Sunday (September 16th & 17th) at the hall in Plantagenet Chase, off Lysander Road, in Yeovil.

It is the largest show of its kind in the South West and attracts exhibitors from as far afield as Cornwall, Winchester, North Wales and Salisbury to name but a few.

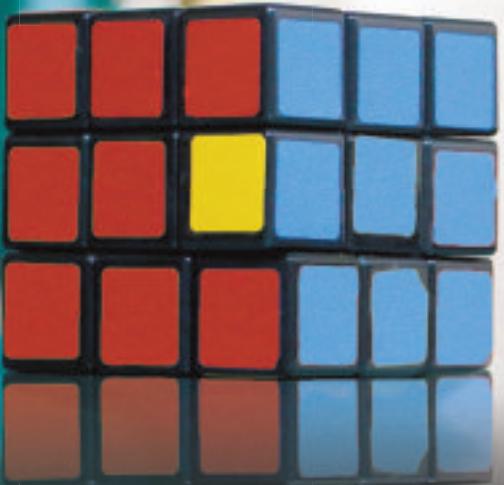
The Mayor and Mayoress, Cllr Darren Shutler and his wife Anna, were on hand to present the prizes on Saturday while town crier Bruce Trigger was also present to make the necessary announcements.

Organisers would like to thank everyone for their support and now look forward to the society's 73rd open chrysanthemum show and dahlia tuber sale on November 18th & 19th, also to be held at the Holy Trinity Scout Hall.

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DAY NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL

We will be opening our new nursery on Monday 2nd October 2017, with an open day on Saturday 30th September, 12 to 2 pm.



FOR 15 years Alison Coleman and Lynn Knight have been running the popular Tick Tocks and will celebrate their hard work and dedication in superb fashion by moving into a brand new, specially built nursery.

Proprietors Alison Coleman and Lynn Knight are excited for the new opportunities they will be able to offer the children with a brand new pre-school including an all weather outdoor play area.

Babies and toddlers will also have their own dedicated play space space to explore using their senses to learn and develop. The youngest users of the nursery will also have

their very own all weather play area outside as well.

Alison and Lynn are confident the transition to the new building will be successful and they are taking their trusted and experienced staff with them. Their senior supervisor, Sarah Perryment, has been with the group for 15 years and leads the team.

Alison and Lynn say their long standing staff are the heart of the nursery and give a high level of care to the children.

Play Cafe will be
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TICK TOCKS is moving from a bungalow in Lyme Close to the purpose built facility on Millwey Rise and following the announcement, Lynn Knight said: To have a purpose built nursery and pre-school that is built purely based on the needs of the children is a dream

come true. This will enable us to further expand the opportunities and continuous provision available for the children and offer greater flexibility for their working parents."

Alongside the nursery will be a Play Café, which will be open to the public.

It will be a place where family and friends can meet, enjoy the quality food and drink available, whilst the children have fun and explore. The Play Café will also offer group sessions such as toddler groups, music sessions and birthday parties.



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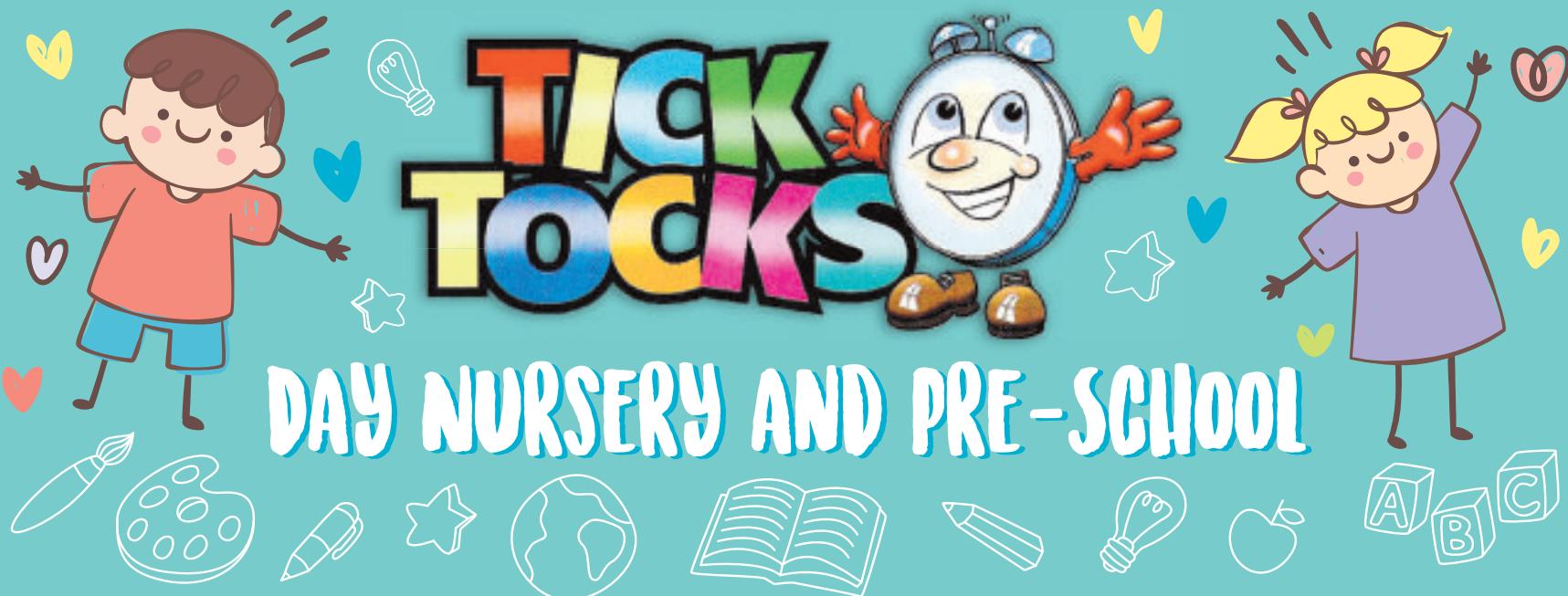


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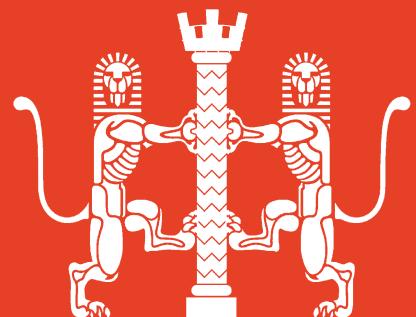
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Hospice 'night walk' has 80s theme

FLUORESCENT walkers stepped out from Yeovil Town Football Club the Saturday evening before last (September 16th) to show their support for St Margaret's Somerset Hospice.

The Great Somerset Night Walk 2017 had an 80s theme, so there were plenty of leg-warmers, fingerless gloves, leggings and rara skirts to be seen by the 100 or so walkers who descended on Huish Park for the off.

They were sent on their way by the Mayor of Yeovil, Cllr Darren Shutler, who joined in the fun by having some glow-in-the-dark face paint applied along with wearing some flashing bunny ears, and he wished them well.

The mayor is supporting St Margaret's Hospice as one of his charities of the year alongside

the School in a Bag initiative.

The nine-mile walk followed a circular route from Huish Park to the Ham Hill Country Park, near Stoke-sub-Hamdon, before returning to the football ground.

Fluorescent pens and stickers were available for people to decorate St Margaret's t-shirts with and to write dedications on in memory of loved ones.

There were also lots of other bright and beautiful accessories available for people to buy on their night to help them stand out from the crowd.

St Margaret's Somerset Hospice would like to thank everyone who took part in the Great Somerset Night Walk.

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THE Mayor of Yeovil, Cllr Darren Shutler, gets ready to send the walkers on their way



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■ A FASCINATING visit to Musgrove Park Neonatal Intensive Care Unit culminated in the Lions Club of Ilminster and District presenting a cheque for £500 to the hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Lions Shirley Farley and Nigel Clymow presented the cheque to Sister Sue Spooner and Nursery Nurse Jane Benton. A brief insight into the highly specialised work of the dedicated team at the unit was appreciated by all the Lions in attendance.

Christmas card competition

THE Mayor of Ilminster, Cllr Val Keitch, is inviting the town's youngsters to enter a Christmas card drawing competition.

To take part you must either live in Ilminster or go to school in Ilminster and be under the age of 16.

Your design must represent or reflect Ilminster in some-

way and must be either A5 (148mm x 210mm) portrait or landscape, or square - 148mm x 148mm.

Square templates can be found on the Ilminster Town Council website at: www.ilminster.gov.uk/2017/09/christmas-card-competition

The picture that the mayor chooses will be made into

Christmas cards for her official use.

Entries are to be received by Ilminster Town Council by Monday, October 30th.

They can be sent by post to: Ilminster Town Council, The Council Offices, North Street, Ilminster, Somerset TA19 0DG or emailed to: town.council@ilminster.gov.uk

Dig out your old pound coins for carnival nights

ILMINSTER Carnival organisers are hoping that people will donate their old £1 coins to the collection as the processions weaves its way through the town next month.

The old £1 coins go out of circulation on October 15th, and carnival officials have suggested that people put them in the collection buckets when the Children's Carnival takes place on Saturday, September 30th, and the main Ilminster Carnival parade on Saturday, October 7th.

An Ilminster Carnival spokesperson said: "Don't miss out on being able to use the old coins before the deadline date by putting your old £1 coins into one of our collecting buckets or vehicles."

"Ilminster Carnival would be grateful for any £1 coins - old or new - or any other coins."

"Please help us to raise as much money as possible this year to secure the future of Ilminster Carnival."

Ilminster drugs raid

POLICE carried out a drugs warrant at a property in Ilminster on September 7th, seizing over £5,000 in cash and a large quantity of cannabis.

The haul was reported on the police's operation support team's Twitter account as officers continued the crackdown on illegal drugs activity in the area.

Anyone with information about people they believe to be dealing drugs should report their suspicions to police via the Avon and Somerset Constabulary website, call the non-emergency number 101 or phone Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Originally the drugs raid was reported by police to have taken place in Chard, but it has since been established it was actually in Ilminster.

NEWS IN BRIEF

■ ILMINSTER residents will get a chance for valuable hearing help as deafPLUS, a hearing loss charity, will be holding a special information session in the town tomorrow.

The advice service will visit the Lip Reading Class at Ille Youth Centre on Wednesday, September 27th from 10am to 12pm, where all are welcome.

In the afternoon, the advice service will be at Shudrick Lane car park in Ilminster from 12.30pm to 2pm.

A spokesperson for deafPLUS said: "Are you deaf or hard of hearing? Come and visit the deafPLUS breakthrough advisory and information service for free advice on all matter relating to hearing loss."

"There will be demonstrations of equipment to help with your telephones, TV, fire/baby alarms and so on."

"We also offer simple maintenance of NHS hearing aids; we don't perform hearing tests."

For further information contact katie.harris@deafplus.org or phone 01225 446555.

■ ONE Plus One Carnival Club from Ilminster will be holding a bingo night to help fundraise for this year's carnival entry.

The event will be held at Donyatt Bowling Club on Friday, September 29th with eyes down at 7.30pm.

There will be a plenty of prizes including a meat hamper and cash flyers and there will also be a raffle.

All money raised will go towards this year's carnival entry which will be making its first appearance at Wellington Carnival on Saturday, September 30th.

■ THE Ilminster Belles are on the lookout for new choir members and will be holding an informal open evening tomorrow (Wednesday, September 27th).

The evening will be held at Greenfylde School hall from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

For further details, contact Rachel on 07764496740 or email her on rtheobald.rt.rt@gmail.com

The group usually rehearse on a Wednesday evening from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in the school hall (term time only).

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ILMINSTER CARNIVAL

SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER AND SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER



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THE children's carnival this year is on the 30th September and will start at the Ille Youth Centre at 1.45pm. Anyone who wishes to enter the childrens carnival can complete our online entry form by Thursday 28th September. Ilminster Carnival Main Procession is on the 7th October 2017 this year and the procession will start at 7.15pm from Bay Hill and make its way down east street into the market square and

then go up through silver street before moving onto the main road through Ilminster and down station road past the shrubbery hotel before reaching the dispersal area by the roundabout by the Texaco garage.

This year we have around 60 entries taking part in the procession from feature, tableau and comic carts, as well

as walking entries and a number of collecting vehicles. These collecting vehicles are a key part of our carnival as we want to try and collect as much money as possible to go back into the community and the future of Ilminster carnival. With the old £1 coin soon going out of circulation, don't miss out on being able to use the old coins by donating your coins into one of our collecting buckets or vehicles.

Bay Hill road will be closed from 2.30pm while other roads on the carnival route will be closed to traffic from 6pm and all parked cars need to move by this time.

This year at Ilminster Carnival there will be Official Carnival Sellers who will be selling flashing wands, batons, windmills, whistles and other carnival merchandise, with prices ranging from £2 to £4. The sellers will be found at official stalls along the carnival route. The purpose of selling our own merchandise is because each year street traders come along to our carnival selling their items but Ilminster doesn't benefit from any money collected despite recent press claims that traders do donate to the carnival, Ilminster have never benefitted. By selling our own merchandise

Ilminster Carnival will be able to donate money to the local community.

Quiz Night at The Shrubbery

A fundraising event for Ilminster carnival this year is our quiz night at the shrubbery hotel on Wednesday 4th October. This has been kindly organised by Ilminster Rotary club, Teams of 4 for £6. Doors will open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Our Decorated Window Competition begins on the 30th September until 7th October, around 15 shops in Ilminster are going to be decorating their shop windows with a carnival inspired theme to set the mood in the town for carnival week.

There is car parking available on carnival day at the Doctor's Surgery along Canal Way for £3 per car.

We would like to thank a number of local businesses for supporting Ilminster Carnival 2017 including Grinters, Howdens Joinery Co and Branston Ltd.



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including a range of incense cone gift sets and perfumed sachets. There are some new additions to the colourful wooden toys from Lanka Kade including a smaller bus and shape sorters. The fairies, pixies and pirates have been joined by mermaids and stocks of fairy sparkle replenished. A limited number of skirts and trousers made from recycled silk await the ladies and there are patchwork waistcoats for the gentlemen.

Still to come are a greater range of the stripy pottery, novelty salt and pepper sets and environmentally friendly Himalayan salt lamps. There are also some bargains from the summer stock such as garden ornaments and unisex cotton shirts and trousers.



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CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL PROCESSION RULES

- No entry into Ille youth Club before 12.30pm
- No parking or unloading in Frog Lane and Ille Youth Club car park
- No motorised vehicle allowed in procession
- All children to take part at their own risk and with adult supervision.
- While judging takes place in coned area could all public please stand back so that the judges can see who is being judged.
- Return entry form to Ilminster Home Hardware before Thursday 28th September. Entry forms also available from the Chard and Ilminster Newspaper two weeks before or on Ilminster Carnival Committee website. Any enquires ring 01460 54649 or email ilmminstercarnival-committee@hotmail.com



Class 1: Single entry up to 7 years old on foot. 1st - £10 and Chrissy Male Trophy, 2nd - £8, 3rd - £6, 4th - £4.

Class 2: Single entry 8 years old to 16 years old on foot. 1st - £10 and Halfway Cup, 2nd - £8, 3rd - £6, 4th - £4.

Class 3: Pairs up to 16 years old on foot. 1st - £12 and Top Knots Trophy, 2nd - £10, 3rd - £8, 4th - £6.

Class 4: Group of 3-6 children on foot. 1st - £12 and Ilminster Carnival Cup, 2nd - £10, 3rd - £8, 4th - £6.

Class 5: Group of 7 or more children on foot. 1st - £14 and Ilminster Carnival Cup, 2nd - £12, 3rd - £10, 4th - £8.

Class 6: Individual or pair or group of 3 with non-motorised vehicle including pushchairs bikes etc.(up to 16 years old) 1st - £12 and Paula White Plate, 2nd - £10, 3rd - £8, 4th - £6.

Class 7: Group of 4 or more with non-motorised vehicle including pushchairs,

bikes etc.(up to the age of 16 years old) 1st - £14 and Norman Bellow Trophy, 2nd - £12, 3rd - £10, 4th - £8.

Class 8: Federation class-single or pair entries that are going to take part in 3 or more South Somerset Federation Carnivals. 1st - £12, 2nd - £10, 3rd - £8, 4th - £6.

Class 9: Federation class-group of three or more that are going to take part in 3 or more South Somerset Federation Carnivals. 1st - £14, 2nd - £12, 3rd - £10, 4th - £8.

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Overall: Chard and Ilminster News cup (taken from 1st prize winners)



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Cranborne Chase is champion cider

THERE was stiff competition for the Gill Esp Cider Cup at the ninth South Somerset Cider Sampling at Hinton St George Village Hall on Friday, September 8th.

Ciders from Dorset and Somerset vied for the honour of first place, with Bill Meaden's popular Cranborne Chase Cider being declared the winner.

Catherine Headicar, chairman of the judging panel, said "Cranborne Chase have produced a superb cider with a fine finish that blends the

traditional and the modern. All true cider lovers should taste it."

Runners-up in the competition were Nigel Witcombe from Merriott and Matthew Bryant from Haselbury Plucknett.

Catherine presented the cup, named in honour of her mother, Gill, who was involved in establishing the event but died in 2015.

Derek Esp presented a cheque for £1,000 to Cancer Research on behalf of the organising committee, in memory of his wife.

The event was well supported with food provided by Dorothy's Tea Room and apple juice from North Perrott Fruit Farm.

Kenton Bourne, speaking on behalf of the organisers, said: "We would like to thank all those who supported the event this year."

"As ever, all the proceeds go to charity and this year it was great to be able to present a

large cheque in memory of Gill Esp, raised through the cider sampling.

"We aim to celebrate the best of local food and cider and Cranborne Chase was a worthy winner this year."

"We look forward to the 10th South Somerset Cider Sampling being a success in 2018."



■ DEREK Esp (the husband of the late Gill Esp, who originally set up the competition), Catherine Headicar (Gill's daughter and chairman of the judging panel) and cup winner Bill Meaden of Cranborne Chase cider

Tickets for Yeovil mayor's charity ball now on sale

TICKETS are now on sale for this year's Yeovil Mayor's Charity Ball, which takes place on Saturday, November 25th, at the newly-revamped Westland Yeovil conference centre.

The event will be raising money for the St Margaret's Yeovil Hospice and the Piers Simon Appeal's School in a Bag initiative.

As well as a four-course dinner, there will be a tombola, two auctions and a raffle for some fabulous prizes which have been kindly donated by local businesses and individuals.

This will be followed by live music from Daytona and a disco by DJ Will.

People need to be seated by 7pm with doors opening at 6pm; the event will finish around 2am.

St Margaret's Hospice is a local charity committed to providing specialist palliative care, advice, support and respite for whoever needs it, whenever and wherever it is needed in Somerset and parts of neighbouring counties.

St Margaret's care is free to patients and their families. Their clinical care costs £10m each year with £7.5m from fundraising.

School in a Bag is an initiative run by the Piers Simon Appeal, a UK registered charity that aims to provide sup-

port to victims of disasters worldwide, regardless of race, politics or religion.

It delivers rucksacks full of stationery and resources to poor, orphaned, vulnerable and disaster affected children.

Cllr Darren Shutler, the Mayor of Yeovil, said: "I'm proud to host the event at the newly refurbished Westlands which is not only a fantastic opportunity to have an enjoyable evening but to raise much needed funds for two worthy charities.

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Saturday 30th September 2017



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Hasten to the 38th Colyford Goose Fayre

Saturday 30th September at Springfield, Seaton Road

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Any profits from the fayre are used for the village and some local organisations also benefit. From the outset it was decided that the aim of holding the fayre was not to make unwarranted profit but to hope to gain enough to stage another fayre in the following year, for the benefit of all the local people.

The event organisers expect to sell 2,500 programmes at £3 each year with children going free and with free parking.

The event starts at 2.00pm with a procession of locals in medieval costume; followed by a programme of dancing, music, medieval crafts, stalls, the now renowned Mummers play and a ram roast all contribute to the atmosphere. The inevitable beer and tea tents make for a family afternoon out.

Programme of Events

1.30: Costume Procession, Starts from the Elms	3.00: Colyford Mummers Play (on the stage)
2.00: Opening Ceremony Fanfare to welcome procession to Springfield	3.00: Ferret racing
2.10: Exeter Morris Men (on the stage)	3.45: Exeter Morris Men (on the stage)
2.10: Ferret racing	3.45: Meredown Falconry Flying Display
2.30: Medieval Dancer Group (on the stage)	3.45: Punch and Judy
2.30: Meredown Falconry Flying Display	4.10: Medieval Dancer Group (on the stage)
2.30: Punch and Judy	4.10: Ferret racing
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Visitors go like the clappers to church to try bell ringing

VISITORS came in droves to St Bartholomew's Church, Crewkerne, for the open tower event.

The event was attended by nearly 100 people, raising more than £70 for the bell funds.

The event offered the opportunity to scale the tower, view the town from on high, see demonstrations of bell ringing and – for a brave few – have a go.

Demand exceeded expectations, with attendees from across the generations squashing two deep into the ringing chamber.

One visitor said: "It was great to see such enthusiasm and interest from the public in what is often seen as a dying art. It's clear that Crewkerne is bucking the national trend."

Tower captain Liz Hughes said: "I would like to say thank you very much to all those who helped to make it such a success."

Details about the bells can be found at wulfric.org/bellringing.

If you'd like to know more about joining the ringing team, contact Liz on 01460 75648.

Practice sessions are held on Mondays from 7.30pm, and no experience or musical expertise is necessary.



■ TOWER captain Liz Hughes, grey T shirt, shows a learner the ropes; inset, Liz talks to visitors about the bells



■ THE view of Crewkerne and beyond from the church tower
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3 Dreamy Settings for Blissful Bedrooms

By Gabrielle Fagan, Press Association

It's time to 'nest' as the temperature drops, and transform your bedroom - the room in the house where you can truly retreat and relax - into a cosy but stylish sanctuary. After all, this is the place where we start and finish our day. We spend a third of our lives in bed - so it deserves special attention. Whether you dream of a glamorous setting, a luxurious hotel-style bedroom, or would simply like a quick update, here's everything you need to know...

1. Glamorous sanctuary



"Creating a glamorous look is all about using rich, decadent colours and textured fabrics," says Samantha Parish, interior design manager for bespoke beds and mattress specialists, Hypnos. "Conjure a warm and inviting colour palette with champagne hues, subtle pinks, purples and plums. Combine textures such as satin, velvet and faux fur, key to creating a luxurious, romantic feel. "For a contemporary vibe, dress a bed with white bed linen and a velvet throw, and add an eclectic mix of cushions. In any style of bedroom, the bed should always take centre stage. For a more feminine interpretation, add art deco-style mirrored furniture and on-trend metallic accents, lamps and accessories." Tip: For smaller rooms, avoid heavy patterns and dark colours, as they'll look too busy, while at the other end of the scale, larger rooms shouldn't be too minimalist, as they can look cold.

2. Hotel style

"A boutique hotel-style bedroom is a hugely popular choice and this crisp, smart look appeals particularly to couples who want a style that suits both their tastes, and is neither overtly feminine nor macho," says Samantha. "Colour is key in creating a haven of rest, so look at palettes you're both drawn to. If you can't agree on which shade, opt for something pale - like a soft grey or off-white hue - that provides a neutral backdrop. "Enhance the mood and ambience with carefully considered lighting, such as task lighting for bedtime reading on either side of the bed. We offer Zip & Link beds, (£1,722 for Zip & Link mattress; £2,289 for Zip & Link mattress and bed set), ideal for couples who have different preferences. This type of bed is made up of two mattresses with different comfort levels, which can be used together or separated into two singles." Tip: Dare to go for a paler carpet, as this is normally a 'low-traffic' area and hopefully, where people don't wear shoes. Neutrals or greys will work with most schemes, and carpet is warmer underfoot.



3. Boudoir on a budget



"Autumn's the perfect time to put a stylish twist on your bedroom's design. For a simple and easy way to rejuvenate the look of your space, consider changing a headboard," suggests Samantha. "A tall, winged headboard gives a room the 'wow' factor and completely transforms its aesthetic into something sophisticated and special. Or opt for a simple metal or wooden one, if you don't want the bed to dominate. "Dress a bed with throws and cushions in a new colour scheme - deep blues, teal and indigo are in fashion. This colour could be used to paint a feature wall behind the bed, or take the shade over the walls and ceiling for a cosy, cosseting feel. "Even a basic makeover can make a difference. Focus on decluttering and tidying surfaces - too many visual distractions can make it hard to relax and sleep. Change bedside lamps or just re-

place drawer handles and curtain ties with more decorative items. All these can make a surprising difference to the room's atmosphere and appeal, and all for a minimal cost. "Bag a bargain at Furniture Village (main image), which has an upholstered winged Tempur Holcot Ottoman Bed Frame (kingsize) for only £995. Accessorise with its Velour Cushions, £39 each, and a Cera Mustard Table Lamp, £119. Tip: If you're space-starved, consider fitted furniture, which can create up to three times more storage space than freestanding pieces, as it can be tailored to precisely fit the room.

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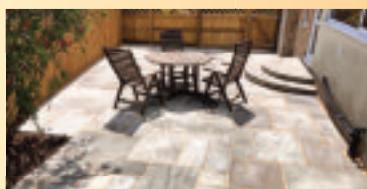
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How to Grow 3 of the Best Bushes for Berries

By Hannah Stephenson, Press Association

1. Guelder rose (Viburnum opulus)

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2. Clerodendrum trichotomum var. *fargesii*

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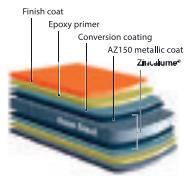
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TO MARK BackCare Awareness Week (2nd – 6th October) local British Chiropractic Association clinics have revealed the surprising myths chiropractors have heard from their patients about what causes their back pain and the best way to treat it.

Common misconceptions about back pain include thinking a slipped disc means the disc has actually 'slipped' out of the spine and that you should always rest a bad back. Hanging off a doorframe and even applying WD40 are some of the strange back pain cures chiropractors across the country have heard from their patients.

According to the BCA at least two-thirds of people in the South-West either suffer or have suffered from back or neck pain, with over a quarter suffering every day.

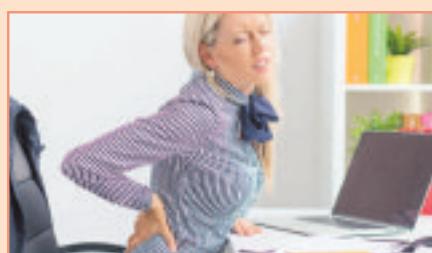
Local chiropractor, Martin Young says, Back pain is very common and if people don't know enough about what causes it or how best to treat it they could delay their recovery or do themselves more damage. Whilst odd home cures sound like funny stories, there is a really serious message here: many people think you should stop being active if you're suffering from back

pain, whereas for most people continuing moderate exercise could be beneficial."

Other myths and misconceptions revealed include using heat pads on inflamed joints; wearing back braces or neck collars; sleeping on the floor; and performing inappropriate exercises.

Dr Young continues: "There are, however, plenty of simple and safe things we can all do to help look after our back health. These are my top tips:

- Get up, stand up. Inactivity is a leading cause of back pain. If you spend most of your day sitting make sure that you take regular breaks, ideally every 20-30 minutes. Stand up to stretch, change position and walk around a little.
- Stretch it out. If you struggle to get away from your seat at work, simple activities such as stretching and shoulder shrugging and even simply fidgeting in your seat can all help to keep the joints and muscles in your back moving.
- Keep moving. Exercise is key to a healthy back, however you don't need to embark on any extreme fitness regimes. Adding just a few extra minutes of walking a day can have a huge impact on your posture.
- Straighten Up. Try incorporating some



simple exercises into your daily routine. The British Chiropractic Association has developed bit.ly/straightenupuk - a series of simple exercises designed to improve posture and help prevent back pain by promoting balance, strength and flexibility in the spine.

• Perfect your posture. Paying close attention to your posture can help you recognise back or neck pain triggers. People who want to improve their posture should try imagining they have a plumb line hanging straight from their ears to ankles - with everything in the middle sitting on the same line. One way to do this is to try standing in a relaxed way and then gently contracting the abdominal muscles.



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By Abi Jackson, Press Association

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5 Amazing Things You Didn't Know Music Could Do For Your Mind and Wellbeing

By Rebecca Snider Martin, Press Association

FROM boosting creativity to reducing low mood, is there anything a feel-good tune can't do? Most people spend a large part of their day listening to music. The radio's an essential part of the school run, a workout would be boring without a great playlist, and you can't dance a Saturday night away in silence. Scientists have been researching the benefits of listening to music too, with some surprising results - in fact, researchers from Radboud University in the Netherlands and Sydney's University of Technology recently found listening to 'happy music' can make us more creative. The study saw 155 participants being asked to assess their current mood, before being split into five groups. One group did not listen to music, and the remaining four groups listened to music of varying 'arousal' levels. The participants then completed a range of tasks intended to test their levels of creative thinking - and those listening to 'happy music' were found to have increased creativity. But music can do a lot more than just make you more creative. Here are five other amazing things you didn't know music could do for your mind, mood and wellbeing.

1. Help you exercise

Most people would find going for a run without music boring, but they might not know they would also find it physically harder. Music has been proven to have the ability to synchronize the rhythm and movement of those exercising, distract them from fatigue, and aid with muscle memory.

The impact of music is so significant that in 2007 USA Track & Field, the national governing body for distance racing in the United States, banned the use of portable music players by athletes to "ensure safety and to prevent runners from having a competitive edge."

While this might seem extreme, Costas Karageorghis, a leading expert on the psychology of exercise based at London's Brunel University, argues music is "a type of legal performance-enhancing drug."

2. Make you smarter

The positive impact listening to music can have on somebody's ability to study are long known, and the term the 'Mozart effect' has made its way into popular usage.

The term comes from a 1993 study which purported that participants who listened to Mozart, as opposed to silence or verbal relaxation instructions, scored higher marks in spatial-reasoning tasks in an IQ test. There was no long-term impact on IQ points however - but if that's what you're after, learning to play music yourself, rather than just listening to it, might help.

Lutz Jancke, a psychologist at the University of Zurich, has said that: "Learning to play a musical instrument has definite benefits and can increase IQ by seven points, in both children and adults."

3. Jog your memories

There's a reason why music is sometimes used as a form of therapy, particularly in care homes and for people with memory problems. For instance, Alzheimer's Society offer

a service called 'Singing for the Brain', which they say 'gives challenges to the brain' and 'helps concentration' in people with memory problems.

Ming Hung Hsu, chief music therapist for the charity MHA, which provides music therapy in their 54 care homes with designated dementia care, says this therapy "does help dementia sufferers retrieve certain types of memory, like long-term memory, autobiographical memory perhaps about their wedding day or significant days in the lives. It provides stimulation so they can still get hold of some memories."

4. Make you happier

Listening to music you like causes your brain to release dopamine (which sends signals to the parts of your brain associated with reward and pleasure) and suppress cortisol (the 'stress hormone').

Dr Dan Robertson, a medical officer at Push Doctor, says: "This will work with any of your favourite songs - even sad ones will produce the desired effect." This means listening to music is directly linked to lowered stress levels and heightened levels of happiness.

5. Help manage pain

Research by Brunel University and Queen Mary University found that listening to music before, during, or after surgery leaves patients needing less pain medication than those who have not listened to music.

Dr Paul Glasziou, of Bond University in Queensland, goes so far as saying that "a drug with similar effects might generate substantial marketing."

Child and adolescent counsellor, Deborah Pearce, says: "Music is effective in pain relief as it has the ability to relax the mind and body. Recently, a client of mine was anxious and worried about having a tooth extraction. We worked together to find a suitable piece of music she could listen to beforehand."



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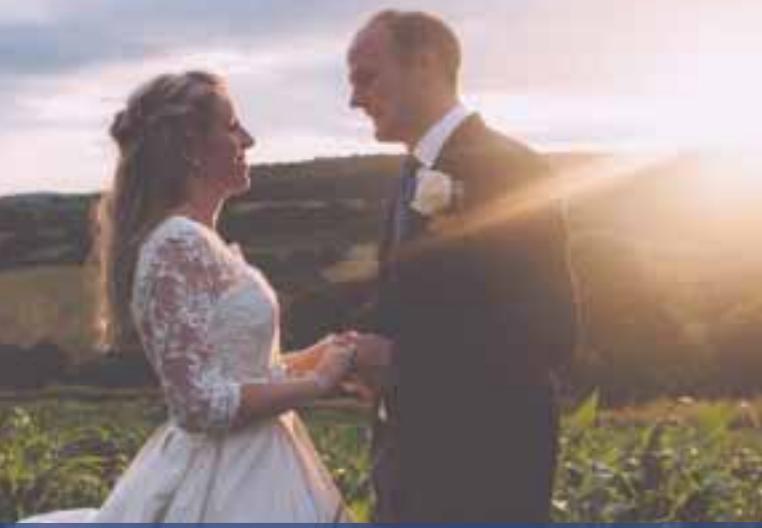
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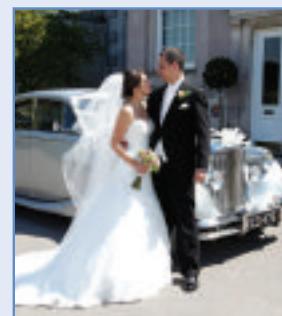
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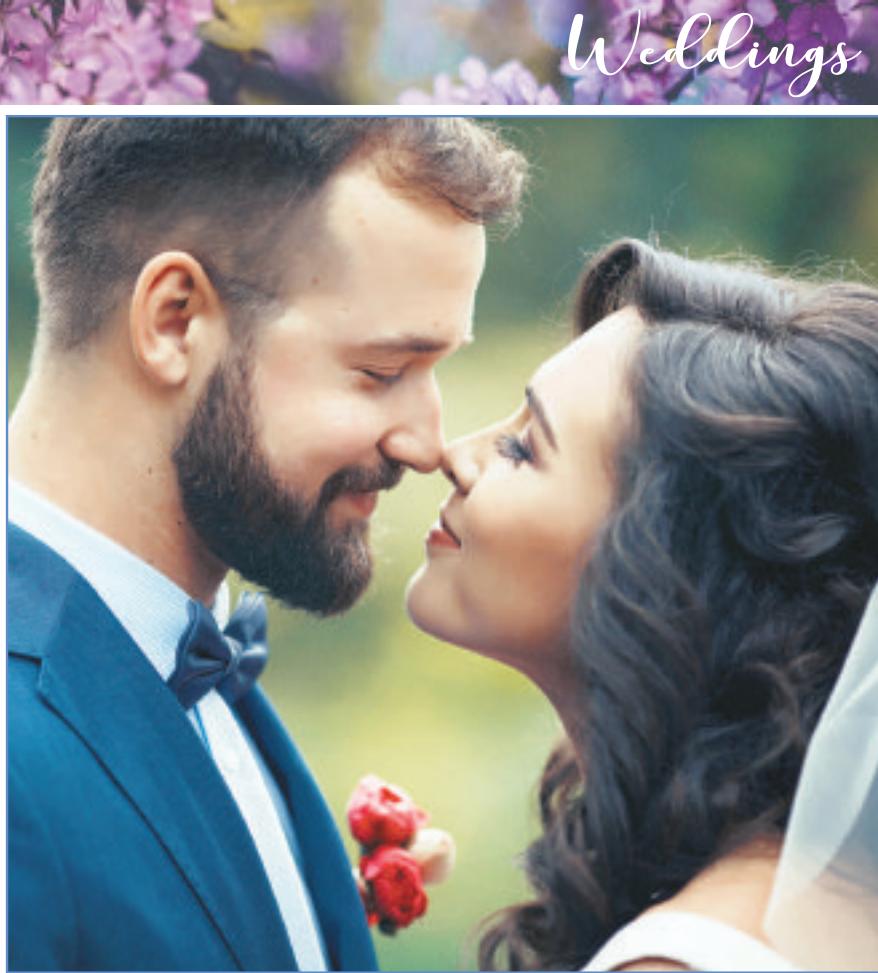
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6. Entertainment: Personalise your entertainment based on your own interests. If you love music then compile your own playlist. Or if you are a keen baker why not host a bake off contest?

7. The after, after party: Don't forget about getting away as newlyweds after tying the knot! Planning your big day may feel like the most important thing, but finally being married and together holds so much value.

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EVEN if you've been together for years, getting married is still a major milestone. It's the beginning of your lives together, and it may feel pretty different from dating, even if it takes a few weeks to sink in. While the cake is cut, your dress is at the cleaner, and all the guests have gone home, there are still etiquette questions to be answered. We turned to our experts to answer some of the big newlywed issues you'll face during that first year.

We just had our first big fight. Now what?

At some point after you tie the knot, you will have your first fight. It's bound to happen, and it will probably feel monumental. You're married, so it's easy to think that a fight matters more than it ever did before. And in a sense, it does. Not the fight itself, per se, but the way the two of you address it. Treat this first fight as practice, and start learning how the two of you can fight better. Instead of making accusations, share some of the responsibility. Do your best to have a conversation instead of yelling back and forth. And if you need a break to think, say so! Acknowledging that you've got to step away for a minute is much more productive than completely shutting down mid-conversation. If the fights start to feel more like spinning your wheels than making progress, consider a session or two with a couple's counselor, who can help the two of you get your communication skills on track.

How often is too often for my in-laws to visit?

You may all be family now, but getting married is not an open invitation for either of your in-laws to drop in whenever they want. First, have a conversation with your spouse about how often you'd each like to spend time with your families. Discuss whether they'll visit you, you'll visit them, or everyone will meet somewhere for a mini-reunion. Look at your calendars,



and agree when you'd be open to having visitors. If you need to, set some boundaries. Do you need to know about the visits a certain amount of time in advance? Would mid-week or a weekend be a better time for you? Do you even have space to host them in your home? Then have the conversation with your own parents. Approach it positively (focusing on when they can visit, for example, instead of when they can't) to make sure they feel invited and welcome instead of like they're being told to stay away.

Is it okay for us to socialize with our friends separately?

Yes! Being married is often described as having your best friend around all the time, but that doesn't mean you've got to spend every waking moment with your spouse. In fact, it's healthy for

you to spend a little time with your other friends without your spouse. So schedule that girls' night, head to the movies, or just meet for coffee on the weekend to chat. By keeping up with your hobbies and friendships, you're actually strengthening your relationship and allowing each of you to bring new things to the table. You have to make sure to leave time in your marriage for self-care, after all! And when that work event or social outing comes up that you'd really love to bring your spouse to, just ask!

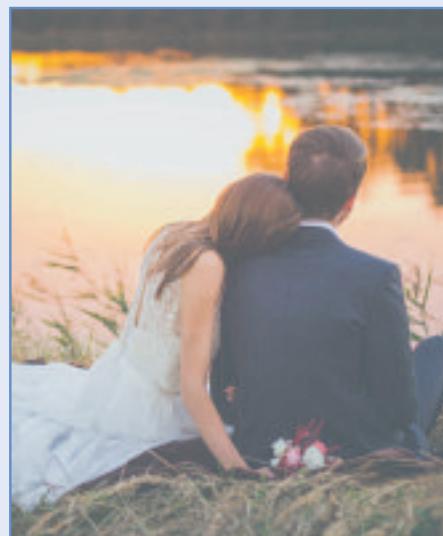
People are asking when we'll have kids. Help!

If you made it all the way through your wedding without being asked about when you'd have kids, congratulations! You've fared far better than many other couples. But whether you've got your heart set on a home full of little ones or

know they're not part of your future, the questions can often be unwelcome. Before you tell anyone to mind their own business, take a deep breath, then politely change the subject. A response as simple as: "We'd rather discuss this between the two of us, but we'll let you know if there's any news to share!" is plenty, as is "I understand your excitement, but it's not something I'm comfortable discussing outside of my marriage." Don't want kids at all? Be firm. Instead of saying you're not sure, make it clear that kids aren't in the cards. Have the conversation with your spouse about what you will say to people so you are both on the same page.

The holidays are approaching. How should we divide the time?

This can be a major stressor for newlyweds. You've spent your lives spending holidays with your families, but all of a sudden you have a new family of your own - and someone else's family to consider, too. Not sure where to start? Ask your parents! Find out how they divided the time when they first got married, and see if they have any disaster stories to share. (Hint: Trying to go to two or three Christmas dinners is never the answer!) Chances are they'll have some insight into dividing the time, both as newlyweds and as couples who have been married for years and still have in-laws. This will also remind them that you're in a tight spot, and may encourage them to get creative with ways to make sure everyone gets a little bit of your time.



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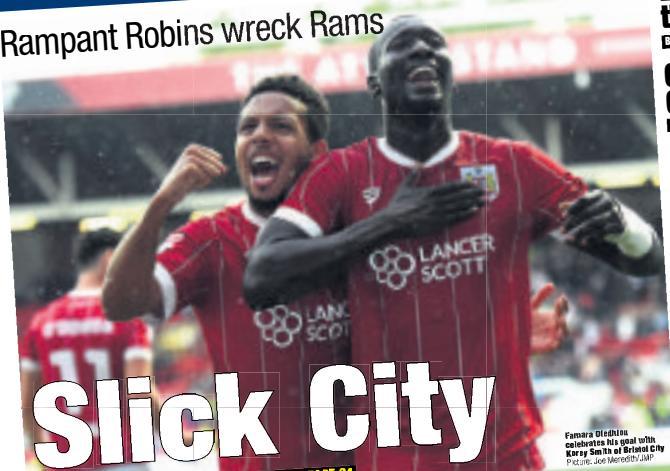
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An old soldier from the West Country threw his medals at the Houses of Parliament yesterday in a protest against what he calls "a travesty of justice". Dennis Hutchings, 86, from Cornwall, marched on Parliament with hundreds of other veterans and demanded an end to what they call a "witch-hunt". Mr Hutchings faces prosecution over the death of John Pat Cunningham during the Northern Ireland Troubles in 1974.

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YALE is proud to be headline sponsor of National Home Security Month (NHS) for its fifth year this October. Highlighting the importance of home security, National Home Security Month (NHS) is back to beat the burglars with even more top tips and advice for keeping your home, family and belongings safe and secure.

The initiative aims to raise awareness of the importance of home security and urge Brits to think about how they protect their properties. This is because despite home security providing protection and peace of mind, in the UK it is estimated that a quarter of Brits still have no home security measures in place at all!

Security products such as alarms and new door locks are often treated as a reactive purchase after an incident has happened, as opposed to proactively preventing a burglary in the first place. That's why October 2nd marks the start of National Home Security Month 2017, which will be trying to change this perspective and to keep Britain's homes secure.

The initiative will highlight a different element of home security each week, with the first week introducing NHS and providing simple tips and advice on how to protect your home and belongings over the winter.

The second week delves into total home security, exploring traditional security solutions for protecting the entry points

to your home and any valuables within it. The third week looks at the growing smart security industry, and provides insight into how connected devices can keep you and your home secure at the touch of a button, with added peace of mind thanks to remote access.

Week four raises awareness surrounding the darker nights to coincide with the clocks going back, encouraging you to make sure the exterior of your home and any outbuildings are fully protected. Then finally, week five provides seasonal advice to coincide with the increase in thefts and domestic damage around Halloween and Bonfire Night.

Throughout October, NHS will be supplying daily security tips on social media. To access these, simply search for Home Security Month on Facebook and Twitter. For more information about the campaign and how you can get involved, please visit

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Composite?

Composite doors also feature a multipoint lock, and are often finished in a woodgrain effect, to give them a more natural timber look.

Timber?

A traditional timber door usually features a nightlatch, which has a single locking point that is often round-edged and spring loaded. Timber doors can be fabricated from softwood or hardwood, and can include glazed panels and a moulded fascia. Finished in either a natural glaze or a coloured paint, a timber door can be easily identified by the distinctive sound of knocking on wood.



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And Finally... at the Octagon



'AND FINALLY...' Phil Collins' pay tribute to singing legend as they celebrate 10 years of performing.

The band established as the UK's Number One Tribute to Phil Collins, are set to commemorate a decade of performing with their '10th Anniversary Tour' at the Octagon Theatre in Yeovil.

The two-time winners at The National Tribute Awards as the best in their field, And Finally... Phil Collins boasts a two-drummer line up which is an integral part of the act with stunning vocals, vibrant choreography and a huge variety

of songs'. The band recreate all the classic hits from the Grammy award-winner's solo career and his work in the rock band Genesis.

The 10-strong band were praised by Phil Collins himself, saying "this is great stuff" after a DVD of their latest work was sent to him, keeping the disc he sent the message "good luck" on the insert sleeve.

And Finally... Phil Collins have just returned from their first French tour, one of the venues being the notable La Cigale in Paris where Adele, Eric Clapton, Muse, Slash, Prince, Miles Davis,

David Bowie and Led Zeppelin have all played.

In 2017, they present a brand new show, which is even closer to an original Phil Collins production. Each member performs with passion and dedication, an infectious quality which will provide a guaranteed evening of dynamic entertainment when And Finally... Phil Collins return to the Octagon Theatre in Yeovil on Thursday, October 5th.

Tickets are £20.50, available by calling 01935 422884 or online at the website www.octagon-theatre.co.uk



■ Jonathan at the organ of St Bartholomew's Church, Crewkerne.

Delbridge Concert on Crewkerne's King of Instruments

St Bartholomew's Church, Crewkerne will be the venue for an exciting concert programme given by organist Jonathan Delbridge on Sunday, October 8th at 3pm.

It was Mozart who first described the pipe organ as the "King of Instruments". The organ at St Bartholomew's was built by Rothwell and is widely regarded as one of the finest in the area. Jonathan's programme will show off the diverse and varied colours available from the instrument by including the famous Dambusters March, Widor's Toccata from Symphony no. 5 as well as pieces by Mendelssohn, J S Bach and even some Fats Waller!

Jonathan is based in Crewkerne where he runs a piano teaching business called JD Music Services. He is the organist at St Michaels and All Angels in Yeovil and also directs the South Somerset Community Choir and Ilminster Belles. He performs at venues throughout the UK including the Royal Albert Hall, York Minster and Hall for Cornwall.

Tickets for the concert are £8 in advance from Crewkerne Town Hall. Tickets on the door will be £10 and there is free admission for those aged 18 and under. The price includes canapés and a bar will also be available.

Last Night of the Proms at the Institute

OTTERY Silver Band's Last Night of the Proms concert which is being performed at The Institute in Ottery St Mary, takes place on Saturday, October 7th, starting at 7.30pm.

Musical Director Andrew Harris has carefully chosen an exciting programme of music which will both reflect the traditions of Last Night of the Proms and provide a memorable evening for the audience.

Favourites being performed by the Silver Band include the ever-popular 'Dam Busters March' and, to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Elvis Presley's death, 'An American Trilogy'. 'Basin Street Blues' will feature the trombone section while 'Tyrolean Tubas' will be a rare occasion for the tubas to take centre-stage. James Bond fans will recognise the theme tune to 'Skyfall' whereas ice-dance fans may recall Torvill and Dean's 1982 gold medal routine performed to 'Overture to Mack and Mabel'.

At the band's 2015 Proms concert, a special guest singer led the singing. This year, once again, Val Howells will be joining the band and, as well as performing some songs on her own, she will be leading the audience in the singing of the rousing finale. Everyone will be encouraged to join in with singing and flag waving to Sir Henry Wood's 'Fantasia on British Sea Songs' (including 'Rule Britannia'), Edward Elgar's 'Land of Hope and Glory' and, of course, Sir Hubert Parry's 'Jerusalem'. Flags will be provided - free!

Tickets are £6.00 for adults and free for under 16s and can be bought in advance from Gilbert Stephens Ottery branch, from Seasons Tea Room in Ottery or from Ross on 01404 813222. Any unsold tickets will also be available on the door. However, in past years, tickets for this event have sold out so please don't leave it too late to buy yours.



■ At the 2015 Proms Britannia performance

Let there be light!

THE 303 ARTISTS' group returns to Ilminster Arts Centre this October to 'trip the light fantastic' in a vibrant and eclectic show of new work themed around 'light'.

The exhibition will include pieces by current members Cath Bloomfield, Brian Dix, Ann Fagan, Beryl Fraenkel, Judy Hall, Swan Lennard Payne, Sandra Meech, Pauline Pearce, Myrtle Pizsey, Vera Sheaf, Jean Stevens Carmen Veliz, Duncan Cameron and Sally Rideout.

As the artists work in different mediums, this show promises to offer fascinating contrasts in approach and style - both figurative and abstract - as they

explore light using paint, print, collage, stitch and artists' books.

The exhibition is a return to the birth place of the group, which was set up in Ilminster in 1965 by professional artists living and working near the A303.

There will be a special Meet the Artists event on Sunday, October 22nd from 3pm-5pm. All welcome - this is a wonderful opportunity to talk to the artists, find out about their inspiration, techniques and ideas, and of course, enjoy their work.

Admission is free. Exhibition runs October 2nd-28th, open 9.30am-4.30pm Mondays, and 9.30am-2.30pm Saturdays.

Rising folk star Jemima Farey to play Ilminster charity concert

THE Minster Church in Ilminster will host a charity concert Saturday, October 21st, featuring a selection of the areas top talents.

The concert is held in aid of Children's Hospice South West, and will feature recorded singer-songwriter and Stogumber Festival prize winner, Jemima Farey. Jemima's prize was being the support artist for Steve Knightley at the festival. Ange Hardy has said of her singing: "One to watch out for on the folk scene! With a voice like that, you scare me!". Others have said... "Unique and truly amazing". Supporting the concert will be the Zembard Singers directed by Trevor Lloyd-Jones. They will sing a wide variety of songs from sacred

works to well known classics by Bacharach and David, Richard Carpenter amongst others.

Also supporting the concert will be the Minster Voices directed by David Sutcliffe. Their repertoire will include traditional and contemporary songs from Rodgers and Hart, Trenet and others. Guest artists will also support the evening. Interval refreshments will be available for donations. There will be a special raffle with top quality prizes.

All proceeds go to Children's Hospice South West. Tickets are £10 (no concessions) available on the door. The concert starts at 7pm, and will run until 10pm. For more details call 01460 62075.



Jemima Farey

Looking at the Bible

OUR five talks in October have to do with the origin of the Bible, its purpose, its prophecies, and its value in the world of today.

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In the first century AD the Apostle Paul, appealing to worshippers of the Greek god Zeus (their god of thunder) talks of the God of the Bible as "a living God who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them". (Acts 14:15) And writing to his friend Timothy he says, "All scripture is breathed out by God" (2 Tim 3:16)

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The Eskies bring new album tour to Taunton



The Eskies

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Melodramatic tales of woe, betrayal, conflict, upheaval, rebellion, love, loss, fear and anger all wrapped in tongue-in-cheek irreverence and self-deprecation occasionally giving way to a flurry of triumphalism or whisper of introspection.

This is the bands second album after their critically acclaimed 2015 release 'After The Sherry Went Round' and leaps from genres as vast and varied as Folk, Klezmar and Yiddish to Rock, Swing and Blues and much in between.

The elapsing two years since their maiden voyage into the world of long playing records have seen The Eskies tour in ten different countries, playing mainstage slots at both Glastonbury (Field Of Avalon) and Cambridge Folk Festival, appearing on RTE's Saturday Night Show, BBC Radio 4's 'Loose Ends' with Clive Anderson and BBC Radio 3's 'Essential Classics'.

Renowned for their raucous live shows and fiercely passionate support; The Eskies took to the Orphan Studios, Dublin in early 2017, under the watchful gaze of 'Captain' Gavin Glass to document the last year and a half of their musical meanderings.

The challenge, it would seem, would be to capture the infamous energy of their live shows (and they have certainly done that much) but perhaps what those of you who are familiar with The Eskies music may not have anticipated is the band taking time to showcase the range of dynamics they have at their disposal.

Whereas 2015's 'After The Sherry Went Round' garnered praise for having "enough inherent energy to charge a power plant" (The Irish Times); 'And Don't Spare The Horses' also showcases new dimensions to the bands sound while still further demonstrating their penchant for all things dance-worthy.

Building Up Walls' begins with a low drawl, close and quiet, before erupting into an

anthemic refrain. The quiet tension of the beginning giving way to the bitter-sweet, triumphant climax.

'Hail, Hail' is a Poe-esque lament for a long lost love set against the backdrop of a sea-soaked spaghetti western soundscape of sorts.

'Death To The Sentry' is probably the purest folk song on the album, complete with haunting four part harmonies and channels Siegfried Sassoon and Wilfred Owen in a tale of the horrors of war, dread and the longing for home.

Contrast all of this with the breakneck speed of 'Napoleon', the fist pumping chorus that explodes out of the menacing groove in 'I'm Not Sorry', the Mardi Gras feel of 'Shame' and the exuberance of the album's opening track 'All Good Men' (which sounds something like Louis Prima having an existential crisis) and you've got a truly vast and varied record in The Eskies second offering."

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SEATON: Cooking For One Demo with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). 11-12.30pm. Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking for one and covering nutritional advice for type 2 diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and modified diets (eg puree/fork mashable). At The Marshlands Centre, Harbour Road, Seaton, EX12 2LT. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Nikki on 01297 631782 for more information, or email nikki@halff.org.uk.

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HONITON: Hospiscare Coffee Morning at the Mackarness Hall, 9am-12noon. Various stalls and homemade cakes and jams for sale.

SEATON: Body Moves with Age UK Devon. Exercises for the over 50s at the Methodist Church. 11.45 - 12.45. All welcome. Just come along or Contact 0333 241 2340 or email info@ageukdevon.co.uk

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH

COLYFORD: The Whole Hog. Demonstration with Clinton Bonner from award winning Butchers Bonners of Ilminster. How to cut and joint a pig, a fun and informative evening with the promise of a pork and apple burger as well of lots of interesting pork facts and cooking advice. 7.30 - 9.00pm. Frogmary Green Farm. 01460 249758. www.frogmarygreenfarm.co.uk

COLYTON: Colyton Parish History Society Evening talk given by Bruce Upton of Bridport Museum on 'The Power of Advertising' - a look back at how things used to be! Join us for an entertaining evening, 7.30pm at Colyton Town Hall. Non-Members £2, to include refreshments.

UPLYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society talk at the village hall, 7.30pm. Leila Jackson of T3 Plants will talk about Salvias. Tea, coffee and biscuits available before and after the talk. Free for members, visitors £3.

AXMINSTER: Chair Yoga-size. Bradshaw Room, Thomas Whitty House, Silver Street (next to Heritage Centre) 10.30am-11.30am. For more details call 07976 312541.

CREWKERNE: Bingo at the Henhayes Centre - 'eyes down' at 2pm. £5.30 (£4.80 for members) for 6 books of 12 games, cash prizes. Bar open, refreshments available, raffle.

SEATON: Yoga with a Chair 1.30 to 2.30 at the Gateway, Fore St. Yoga for EVERYbody £5. All welcome. Just turn up! For more details call 01297 20326 or email waite@relaxseaton.co.uk.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH

AXMINSTER: Music at the Minster: Lunchtime concert. Colyton Grammar School - GCSE musicians. At the Minster, 12.30pm. Lunch at 1.05pm. For more details call 01297 32927. Donations towards the upkeep of the church.

COLYTON: Historical Walking Tours of Colyton. Every Thursday until September 28th at 2pm. Meet at the Dolphin Street Car park. Booking not necessary. £3 for adults, under 16s Free. To arrange a walk for a larger group please phone 01297 552514

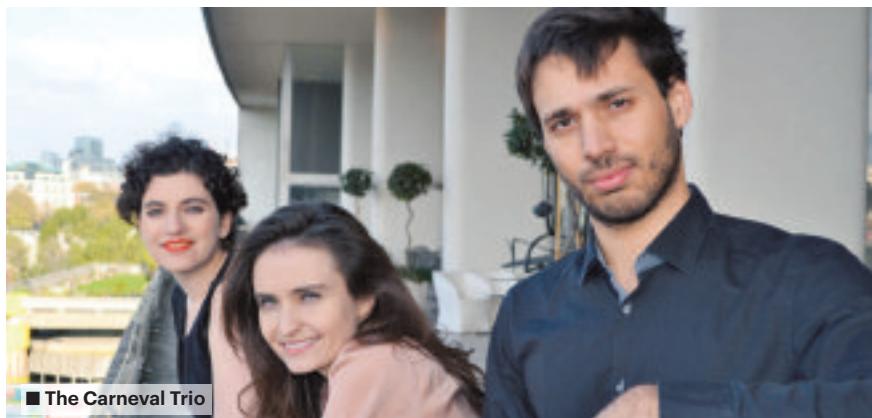
CREWKERNE: English Folk Dance. St Bartholomew's Church Hall, Abbey Street, 8-10pm Every Thursday. £3.50. First visit free. For more details call 01460 77320 or 01460 75760.

CHARD: Chard Camera Club members will be meeting up in the Baptist Church Hall, Hollyrood Street to hold a selection evening in order to select their images to be entered into the Kingswood Salver Competition.

ILMINSTER: Ilminster Thursday Group weekly talks at the Warehouse Theatre TA19 9AD Joan the Fair Maid of Kent 9.15 for 10.15 Further details 01460 259596

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre. 10-11am. £3.50 (members £2.50)

Come along to the Carneval Trio concert



The Carneval Trio

CONCERTS in the West's forthcoming October series, for concerts in Devon, Dorset and Somerset, will feature three stylish and highly accomplished string musicians, violinist Kamila Bydlowska, Shiry Rashkovsky, viola and Timothee Botbol, cello, who will perform together as Carneval String Trio - an unusually diverse selection of music.

When musicians of this calibre combine their talents - Bydlowska, Rashkovsky and Botbol are all renowned soloists and orchestral/chamber performers - audiences can expect some pretty remarkable music making. A good trio will keep perfect time, blending together seamlessly in perfect unity while making subtle adjustments spontaneously as they interpret and shape the pieces they play.

Polish violinist Kamila Bydlowska graduated from the Royal College of Music with an Artist Diploma in Performance, having previously studied at Indiana University Jacobs School of Music in Bloomington, USA with Mauricio Fuks and Kevork Mardirossian, where she was awarded a full scholarship.

Her solo and a chamber performances include: the Walt Disney Hall in Los Angeles, the Elgar Room at the Royal Albert Hall, St. James's Piccadilly, the National Gallery, St Martin-in-the-Fields, Queen Elizabeth Hall at the Southbank Center, Victoria & Albert Museum in London, National Scottish Gallery in Edinburgh, and Grand Hall of the Tbilisi State Conservatory. As a soloist she recently appeared with the Angel Orchestra, Chamber Academy Orchestra, Croydon Symphony Orchestra, Ealing Symphony Orchestra, Guilford Symphony Orchestra, North London Sinfonia and Worthing Symphony Orchestra.

Shiry Rashkovsky, who was recently lauded by The Strad for her 'beguiling...thrilling and exuberant' Royal Festival Hall debut, pursues an international solo, chamber, teaching and orchestral career. A versatile musician, her performances have taken her across the globe to such venues as the Tel Aviv Opera House and Geneva Victoria Hall, includ-

ing engagements for HRH Prince Charles and the Emperor and Empress of Japan.

After obtaining a BA in Social and Political Sciences from St Catharine's College, Cambridge, Shiry went on to complete a Masters with First Class Honours and Artist Diploma at the Royal College of Music. Much in demand as a soloist and recitalist, Shiry is a prize-winner of the Martin Musical Scholarship Fund, Cecil Aronowitz Viola Prize, Philharmonia Orchestra Meyer Award, and the Countess of Munster Musical Trust Recital Scheme. She has performed with the New Music Ensemble, Kallion Ensemble, Outcry Ensemble, Cambridge University Symphony Orchestra CUMS, Royal Holloway Symphony Orchestra and the Barnet Symphony Orchestra. Shiry has also broadcast live for BBC Radio 3 and BBC 4.

Swiss cellist Timothee Botbol began his musical education in Geneva at the prestigious Jaques Dalcroze Institute and later progressed to the Geneva Conservatoire and the Haute Ecole de Musique de Lausanne where he received his Master of Performance with distinction. Timothee is currently studying on the Artist Diploma course at the Royal College of Music, London with Alexander Chaushian.

Timothee has performed extensively as a soloist and is a keen orchestral musician, recently performing with the Geneva Conservatoire String Orchestra as guest soloist on tour in Italy and giving recitals in venues including Kings Place, Chapel Royal - Hampton Court Palace, Charlton House and Lausanne Steinway Hall. In February 2017 he was awarded the Grand Prize Special from all categories at the II Augustin Aponte International Music Competition, Tenerife.

Concerts in the West's founder and director, Catherine Maddocks, said: "We welcome back the passionate polish violinist Kamila Bydlowska who played for us in 2015 with the Skazki Piano Trio. She is joined by award winning Shiry Rashkovsky and Timothee Botbol for an interesting and eclectic programme. I am confident that our audiences will enjoy some dazzling interpretations of the pieces they have chosen to play."

The Carneval String Trio perform at Ilminster Arts Centre at the Meeting House on Friday, October 6th at 8pm. Tickets are £15. For more details call 01460 55783

The Trio play at The Dance House, North Street, Crewkerne on Saturday, October 7th at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15. Concessions for students and children. For advance bookings please email concertsinthewest@gmail.com or you can text 07776 995789 or book at Eventbrite www.eventbrite.co.uk or you can buy on the night from 6.45pm, but it is worth checking ticket availability beforehand. Tickets can also be purchased at the Local Information Centre in the Town Hall. Interval drinks. Town parking and car parks. Doors open at 6.45pm

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CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 2 - 4.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

SEATON: Greg's Music Makers. St. Gregory's Church Centre, Colyford Road, Seaton. From 10am to 11am. Music and Songs and Dance. Toys and games. Refreshments and Friendship. Donations of £1 per family invited For more info, please contact Sharon : 01297 625875. www.coastalchurch.org

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. Tea and biscuits, raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 862866.

HAWKCHURCH: Macmillan Coffee Morning at the village hall, 10am-12noon. Teas, coffee, cakes, raffle, various stalls.

CREWKERNE: Concert with the Farey Family - Country/Folk music with wonderful harmonies. Tickets £10, with pre-concert supper £18. Ring Henhayes Centre for tickets. 01460 74340

COLYTON: Film: 'Their Finest' at the Reece Strawbridge Youth Centre (lower hall), 7pm for 7.30pm. Admission £5 at the door. Raffle and light refreshments. Disabled access from lower car park. For more details call 01297 552110.

AXMINSTER: Spiritual Awareness Classes at Axminster Health and Wellbeing Centre. Beginners or advanced. Topics include energy fields, angel cards, and clairvoyance. 6.45-8pm. £3 per class, just turn up. For more details call 01460 221522.

SEATON: Supper and Organ Recital. St. Gregory's Church Centre and Church. Supper at 6pm - Church Centre. Organ Recital at 7pm - Church. Two course supper and coffee/tea - Gluten free and vegetarian option. Tickets : £10 each from Church centre : 01297 23656 For further info, please contact Sharon : 01297 625875. www.coastalchurch.org

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH

AXMINSTER: Seichim Reiki Healing & Workshop. 10.30am-5pm. £45. To secure your place a £10.00 deposit is required. Limited places so please book early. Please bring a packed lunch - All beverages are included. Please contact Maggi Marciiniak on 01297 32095 or 07951402717

SEATON: Seaton and Axminster branch of Cancer Research UK Jumble Sale at Gateway, Seaton Town Hall. Doors 10am, admission 30p, children under 14 free. Books, bric-a-brac, jewellery, clothing, cards, coffee, and cakes and raffle.

CREWKERNE: Breakfast/Brunch at Henhayes Centre. 10am - 12noon (last order 11.30am). Basic breakfast £4 extras 50p each. No booking required.

MERRIOT: New to You Sale at All Saints' Church, 10am-11.30am. In the Tithe Barn, Church Street. Clothes, books, toys, bric-a-brac, and other stalls. Tea and coffee available. In aid of Church funds.

ILMINSTER: 'Pink' tombola outside Tesco, from 9.30am. In aid of Breast Cancer Care.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 1ST

SOUTH PETHERTON: Artisan Soft Cheese Making. This course will give you the skills to make lovely soft cheese in your kitchen at home. 9.45am - 2.30pm. Frogmary Green Farm. 01460 249758. www.frogmarygreenfarm.co.uk

COLYFORD: Indoor Boot Sale at Colyford Memorial Hall. 9a-2pm. Tables £5. For more details call 01297 23591, or call 07891 486839

MONDAY OCTOBER 2ND

MISTERTON: Bingo at the village hall. Doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm.

SOUTH PETHERTON: Autumn Preserving with Vivien Lloyd. Learn the best practices for preserving Autumn fruits and vegetables for the year ahead. 9.45am - 4.00pm. Frogmary Green Farm. 01460 249758. www.frogmarygreenfarm.co.uk

AXMINSTER: Chair Yoga-size. Bradshaw Room, Thomas Whitty House, Silver Street (next to Heritage Centre) 10.30am-11.30am. For more details call 07976 312541.

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit at Henhayes Centre - 9.40 to 10.40am and 10.45 am to 11.45 am. £2 for members/ £3 for non-members. Transport available for second session, ring Centre to book.

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Deadline is Friday 4pm for the following Tuesday's publication. Please ensure dates are included for all listings - weekly listings without dates may not be published.

A top tribute to the King of Pop



JACKSON LIVE IN CONCERT has to be the most accurate and exciting tribute to the King of Pop to have ever toured UK theatres. Presented by Sweeney Entertainments, this concert show is in its eighth year of touring and sees long-time fan and hugely talented Ben recreate the Michael Jackson experience with his stunning rendition of all his favourite songs.

Musical legend Michael Jackson will always be remembered as one of the most influential artists of all time. With a career spanning nearly five decades, he remained at the forefront of music and will continue to inspire countless people across the world for generations to come.

Ben's portrayal of Jackson perfectly captures the King of Pop at the height of his powers with his memorising, energetic and dynamic performance. Ben's charisma and professionalism really shines through as he sings live throughout the show and performs full signature Michael Jackson dance routines.

Ben is joined on the stage by his incredible band and dancers who work their way through all the hits. He's got the look, the moonwalk and the voice! His renditions of Thriller, Beat it and Billie Jean are truly sensational.

Sweeney Entertainments, co-founded by Julie and Peter Sweeney, has been providing a wide repertoire of top quality touring shows for theatre and corporate events for over fifteen years both in the UK and internationally. 2017 has been the company's strongest year to date with more shows touring than ever before. Julie said: 'Jackson Live is a nostalgic concert show, headlined by the extremely talented Ben who faithfully recreates the full Michael Jackson experience in each and every performance. Michael's songs are still known and loved across the world and this evening showcases his fantastic talent, fully enhanced with our live band and professional dancers.'

Jackson Live in Concert features all-live vocals, superb musicians and dancers, fabulous costumes, and of course all the signature dance moves associated so fondly with the undisputed King of Pop. Packed with authentic touches and flair, Jackson Live in Concert authentically captures the essence and magic of Michael Jackson live on stage.

Jackson Live in Concert comes to the Octagon Theatre, Yeovil on Sunday, October 22nd at 7.30pm. Tickets are £20, concessions £18.50. For more details or to book call the box office on 01935 422884 or visit the website at www.octagon-theatre.co.uk.



Sheelanagig at the Beehive

SHEELANAGIG have become something of a West Country institution for the past decade. A quintet with a well-stocked armoury of stringed instruments – guitar, fiddle, double bass – and a bagful of joint-jumping tunes, these boys sure know how to get a party started.

Putting both groove and stomp into a selection of traditional and original European folk music dating from the medieval times to present day, it's difficult – nay, impossible – for your limbs to remain stationary when you're within earshot of them in full flight. The fact that they've often played with a knowing wink shouldn't obscure their impeccable technique, virtuoso-standard ability that raises the roof in every place they play. Expect fun, a lot of laughs and some great music.

Formed 12 years ago at Dartington College of Arts in Devon, since they have performed extensively across the UK and Europe playing all sorts of venues from music clubs to theatres and from free street carnivals to major festivals like Beautiful Days, Glastonbury and WOMAD to name a few.

The five members bring a variety of musical backgrounds to the band which adds to the unique flavor of the sound. Violinist Aaron Catlow has been touring most of his life with various acts including medieval

troubadours Peascod and Irish revelers Mad Dog McRea. Flautist, Luke Phillips-Griffiths graduated from the respected folk degree course at the sage in Newcastle. Drummer, John Blakeley's passion lies in Afro beat and Latin and plays with Bristol super group No Go Stop. Guitarist Kit Hawes performed in Bristol's invisible circus house band and is an outstanding solo folk performer. Bassist John Short has a background of rock and jazz and tours the world with Fado

performer Claudia Aurora.

There are many influences within the band but that unites everybody, but passion for creating fantastic music that is not only great to listen to, but is also an energetic and entertaining experience when seen live is of the utmost.

Sheelanagig play live at the Beehive, Honiton on Friday, October 6th at 8pm. Tickets are £12.50 in advance, or £15 on the door, available by calling 01404 384050 or at www.beehive-honiton.co.uk



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After a musical break during the month of August it was great to get back to our programme of gigs when on Friday 8th September we welcomed Leeds-based singer/songwriter, Allan Taylor. Allan was last with us in 2005 and performed songs covering a career spanning four decades. Allan proved once again that he is a massive talent and why he is not a 'household name' is a mystery. A fantastic musician who has a voice that reminds me of one my all-time favourite artists, Mark Knopfler.

On Saturday 16th we were really pleased to welcome for their first visit the young four-piece Acapella group, The Teacups. They met when attending a Folk Degree University course at the University of Newcastle and consists of Alex Cumming, Kate Locksley, Rosie Calvert and Will Finn. Both Kate and Alex have local connections and this helped create a large and very enthusiastic audience who enjoyed both the varied material and the spot-on harmonies. A fun night loved by all.

At the time of writing this I am eagerly awaiting the first-ever appearance with us of the multi-talented Luke Daniels. On Sunday 24th September our programme starts at 3pm when Luke will carry out a beginners' Penny Whistle Workshop. This should be great fun and is "family friendly".

In the evening, Luke will showcase his wonderful, The Polyphon Chronicles. Described by Songlines as "a future classic" it features Luke's beautifully crafted songs and intriguing instrumental music and highlights his totally unique Electrophon Machine.

Saturday 30th will prove to be a very busy day which starts at 10am with Jesper Rubner-Petersen carrying out a Bluegrass/Oldtime Mandolin Workshop.

At 8pm on the same day we have one of the country's finest Bluegrass bands performing when Edinburgh-based Southern Tenant Folk Union take to the stage. I am the first to admit that I have somewhat neglected Bluegrass music at The David Hall for too long. This is an all-Acoustic band with banjo, fiddle, double bass, guitar, percussion and harmony vocals. Brilliant musicianship providing a scintillating live performance.

The David Hall's October programme will begin on Friday 6th when Yeovil-born choreographer, Steve Johnstone, will bring his Off the Map Dance Company to South Somerset for the first time. This has long been one of Steve's ambitions and the company will present his first full-length professional piece.

Called Folklore, this production takes its inspiration from Folk stories from Somerset, Dorset and Devon. It is a tale of confronting inner fears and the struggles we go through with ourselves and loved ones. Folklore is set to original music composed by the Dorset duo Ninebarrow who, earlier this year, were nominated for the BBC Radio 2 Folk Horizon Award.

On Saturday 7th, the fantastic Bristol-based musician, Gaz Brookfield, will be with us. This event is understandably proving

to be very popular as Gaz will be supported by Nick Parker who will play his tongue-firmly-in-cheek Folky/Country/scrappy songs. Do not miss the opportunity to see two of the country's best independent musicians!

On Saturday 14th October, we at The David Hall - and many others - will be in thoughtful and reflective mood as we were really looking forward to welcoming one of our favourites - Vin Garbutt. Sadly, Vin died in June and he will be missed by all Folk music lovers throughout the country. RIP, Vin.

One of Folk music's greatest innovators - Martin Carthy - will be with us on Saturday 21st. For more than 40 years Martin has been one of the best-loved, most enthusiastic and at times, quietly controversial, figures. In the history of Folk music, Martin is one of the 'true greats'. He has become a legend and this is a gig that should not be missed!

Nancy Kerr has performed for us many times but Saturday 28th October will be her first performance with The Sweet Visitor Band. This show promises to challenge, inspire and confront in equal measure. It is joyful, boisterous and, at times, a dulcet call to arms. To get this five-piece band to perform for us is a real coup and a large audience is expected.

Music for the month ends in a Classical vein when, at 3pm on Sunday 29th, the Divertimento String Quartet perform. They will play compositions by many different composers, including Beethoven and Ravel.

I am sure you will agree that October is not only a month of high-quality music, but also a programme totally diverse in content. I look forward to seeing you soon at The David Hall!

Pete Wheeler, Petherton Arts Trust

Also in October

On Wednesday 18th, Stephen Moss will present Around the World with the BBC Natural History Unit. Stephen is one of Britain's leading nature writers and lives on the Somerset Levels. He is President of the Somerset Wildlife Trust.

Petherton Picture Show will present two films. On Friday 13th, Interlude in Prague – a fictitious but captivating story of Mozart's years in Prague, and on Friday 27th, The Sense of an Ending, based on the novel by Julian Barnes and starring Jim Broadbent, Charlotte Rampling and Emily Mortimer.

Acoustic Night will be on Sunday 22nd, 7.30pm – 10.30pm. All styles and forms of performance welcome – not just music. If you wish to perform please drop us an email at chriswatts.org to secure a slot.

The David Hall's popular Coffee Morning will be on Wednesday 25th, 10am-12noon. Entry is free.

For further details about any of the above please check the website www.thedavidhall.org.uk or call 01460 240 340.

Diary Dates

MONDAY OCTOBER 2ND

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 7 - 9.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

MUSBURY: Musbury Garden Club kick off their 8th season on Monday 2 October 2017 with a combined talk and demonstration by Angela Brooke Smith. Angela is a local grower, garden designer and florist who will show us how to create a cut flower garden and how to make a hand held bouquet from the flowers we grow. The talk will begin at 7.30pm in Musbury's village hall. Refreshments are served from 7pm. All welcome. Non-members £2.50.

AXMINSTER: "Seated tai chi and a cuppa", suitable for all regardless of age or mobility. Gentle flowing seated exercises with a flavour of tai chi. The Senior Citizens Centre, Church Street, Axminster. 10.30 to 12 noon then every Monday. Cost £5 which included refreshments afterwards. Please contact Margaret on 01297 32095 for more information.

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall at 7pm - combined Harvest Supper & Produce Auction; proceeds to be shared between St Michael's Church, Wayford and C & W Village Hall. All welcome; £12 to include glass of punch/fruit juice on arrival, excellent 2 course hot supper, cheese & biscuits and coffee/tea. Wide variety of raffle prizes; licensed bar. Donations of produce for auction welcomed. Please book in advance from 01460 72324 or 01460 74849.

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WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4TH

UPLYME: Lyme Ladies Quilt Group meeting at Uplyme Village Hall, 1st Wednesday of each month, 1.30-4.30pm. Annual membership fee £10 (visitors welcome). If you think you would like to come along and join us, you are more than welcome. We also enjoy a nice cup of tea or coffee, and a biscuit or two, plus the inevitable chat. Call 01297 445747 or 01460 394429 if you would like more information.

COLYTON: Colyton, Colyford & District Memory Café 2pm to 4pm, St John Hall, King St, Colyton

CHARD: Friends of Springmead Surgery AGM 7pm at the Surgery. Business followed by an illustrated talk by Dr Peter Glanville entitled "The Rushing Water and the Frozen Deep". Many of his former patients know him as a keen caver and he was one of the first to discover the largest cave chain yet known in Europe, near the Cheddar Gorge in the Mendips. All patients and friends are welcome.

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KILMINGTON: Film: 'Viceroy's House' (12A). The birth of India's Independence and creation of Pakistan. Doors and bar open (wine and soft drinks) at 6.45pm, film 7.15pm. For more details or advance booking see the village web site Kilmingtonvillage.com/movilia.html or phone 01297 32938. Tickets £5 booked in advance or £5.50 on the door.

AXMINSTER: Vikings in the West Country - Author Derek Gore gives a balanced view of Scandinavian activities in the West from studies of place-names, personal names, metal-work, stone sculptures and written accounts of raids. Axminster Historical Society, 7:30pm The Bradshaw Room, Axminster Heritage Centre, Silver Street, EX13 5AH All welcome!

COLYFORD: Women's Institute, 2pm in the Memorial Hall. The talk is entitled 'It's a Vet's

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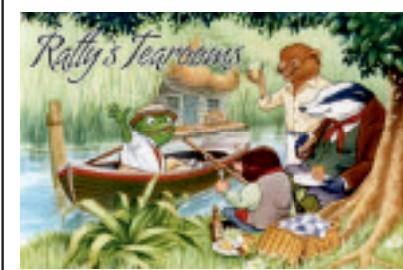
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The application is to:
Extend premises opening hours and the hours for the sale of alcohol to open earlier & close later & to add licensable activities of live music, recorded music, film & late night refreshments

Any person wishing to make representations to this application may do so by writing to The Licensing Manager, East Devon District Council, Council Offices, Knowle, Sidmouth, EX10 8HL not later than 28 days after the date of this notice. www.eastdevon.gov.uk
A copy of the application can be viewed at the Licensing Authority's address during normal office hours.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with this application, the maximum fine on summary conviction being £5,000

Dated: 20/09/2017

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The key to finding your perfect home

5 TIPS FOR PAINTING WOODWORK

By Julia Gray, Press Association

FILLING, sanding, cleaning - it might be boring work, but thorough prep is essential for a fabulous finish

1. One of the basic rules of DIY is prep, prep and more prep - thorough preparation is vital to get a good finish. It's often boring, hard work and time consuming, especially with woodwork, but worth it. Before you paint, prep typically involves filling, sanding and cleaning off, and sometimes repeating the process until the surface is in tip-top condition. It's often easier to see what needs to be filled after applying a coat of paint, so it's not always possible to do all the prep in one go. For walls and ceilings, different fillers are needed for different jobs. Other times, you'll need a heavy filler with body that can be used on different surfaces - indoor plaster, stone, concrete and wood - up to 20mm deep.



2. Priming is also key to getting a good, long-lasting finish. Applying a primer or primer/undercoat ensures your topcoat will adhere to the surface better. For example, shiny surfaces usually have to be sanded, cleaned off and painted with a suitable primer to make the surface matt. Priming can also seal surfaces and make them less porous; new plaster is really absorbent, so always seal it before painting, wallpapering or tiling it. Another reason to prime is to provide better coverage. If you're painting over a dark emulsion with a pale one, it pays to use a basecoat emulsion first. Getting solid colour with white water-based wood paints is a problem because they don't generally cover well, but a good primer will.

3. You won't get a good finish without using decent paint rollers and brushes. There's nothing worse than ones that shed fibres and bristles, or leave lots of roller and brush marks, and for this reason, cheap rollers and brushes can be a false economy.

4. Worklights can also help achieve a good finish, especially now it's getting dark earlier. While you should ideally prep and decorate in good natural light, worklights are fantastic for illuminating a room when it's gloomy, and because they're on a tripod, they're fully adjustable, so you can get light where you need it. The downside? Worklights can show up things you can't see in natural or normal artificial light, resulting in unnecessary prep; angling the light away from what you're working on works best.

5. The best way to get a good finish with wooden or laminate flooring is to remove skirting boards and replace them (or fit new ones), so they cover the expansion gap around the edge of the flooring. If this isn't practical, fit matching wooden scotia beading over the expansion gap. The easiest way to fix it is with a nail gun, which is much quicker and easier than hammering in panel pins.



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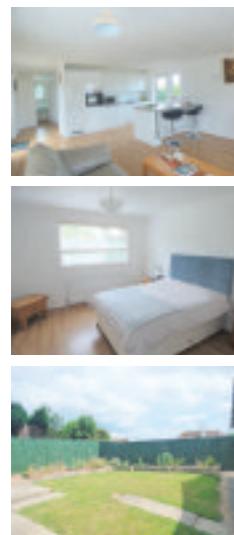
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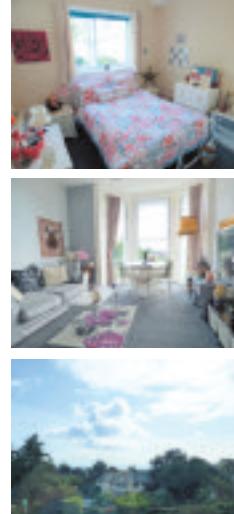
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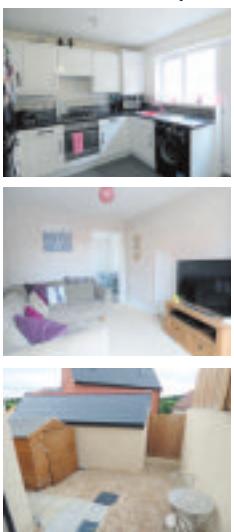


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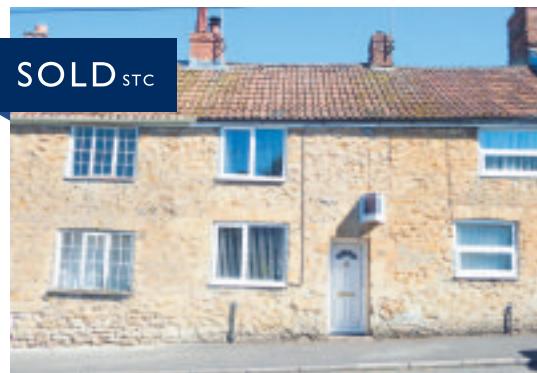
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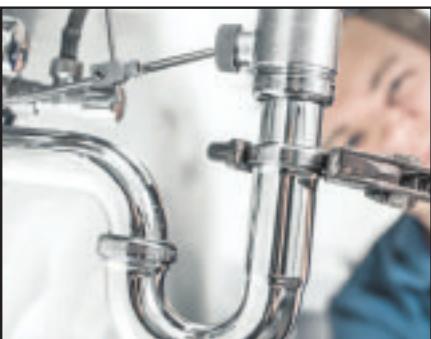
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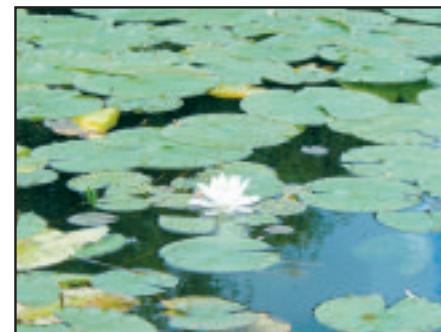


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All-new Mitsubishi Eclipse Cross UK pricing and specification announced

THE all-new Mitsubishi Eclipse Cross will be available to UK customers from £21,275 OTR when it goes on sale in January 2018. Developed with a focus on three core areas – inspiring design, driving dynamics and advanced technology - Mitsubishi's new mid-sized SUV will be available in three trim levels – Eclipse Cross 2, Eclipse Cross 3 and Eclipse Cross 4.

At launch, all versions of the Mitsubishi Eclipse Cross will be powered by an all-new 1.5-litre turbocharged petrol engine developing 163hp and 250Nm of torque which will be available with a six-speed manual or advanced new automatic transmission with Sport mode, manual override and paddle shifters, depending on the model. The new transmission benefits from the latest step logic technology to combine the packaging and running cost benefits of a CVT with the smoothness and responsiveness of a traditional automatic.

The Mitsubishi Eclipse Cross will also be available with two- or four-wheel drive, the latter incorporating the latest generation of Mitsubishi's Super All-wheel Control (S-AWC) system that offers a choice of three advanced drive modes – Auto, Snow and Gravel.

The Eclipse Cross is extremely well specified, with even the entry-level 2 ver-

sion offering features such as a touch-pad controller, Smartphone Display Audio that is compatible with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, rear view camera, DAB radio with six speakers, cruise control, climate control air conditioning, LED Daytime Running Lights, Bluetooth connectivity for hands-free calls, 16-inch alloy wheels, privacy glass and heated door mirrors.

The cockpit-style driving environment in the Eclipse Cross reinforces its focus on driving pleasure and the spaciousness of the cabin is further enhanced by slide-and-recline adjustment for the 60:40 split rear seat on all models. To optimise loading comfort and facilitate loads of various sizes and shapes, the rear seat back has eight different recline settings and the base has up to 200mm of travel.

The Mitsubishi Eclipse Cross protects its occupants, other drivers and pedestrians with an array of safety features and systems. All versions will have Lane Departure Warning, Forward Collision Mitigation (FCM) that uses radar technology to detect a risk of collision, ABS, Active Stability Control, Hill Start Assist, Brake Assist, seven airbags, dusk and rain sensors and automatic operation of the headlamps' dipped beam. All these features are standard in the entry-level Mit-

ubishi Eclipse Cross 2 which is priced from £21,275 OTR.

The Eclipse Cross 3 builds on the specification of the 2 versions by adding 18-inch alloy wheels, a head-up display, heated front seats, front and rear parking sensors, dual-zone climate control, keyless entry and keyless start, electrically folding door mirrors, silver side sills and an electronic handbrake on automatic versions. Pricing starts from £22,575 OTR for the front-wheel drive Eclipse Cross 3 manual and £23,850 OTR for the front-wheel drive automatic. The Eclipse Cross 3 4WD automatic is priced from £25,350 OTR.

Completing the line-up, the flagship Eclipse Cross 4 version builds on the 3's specification with the additions of leather trim, electrically-adjustable driver's seat, electric opening panoramic roof, Rockford Fosgate Premium sound system with nine speakers and a suite of advanced driver assistance systems including LED headlamps, 360° parking camera, Blind Spot Warning (BSW), Rear Cross Traffic Alert (RCTA), Lane Change Assist (LCA) and Adaptive Cruise Control (automatic only). Pricing for the flagship Eclipse Cross 4 starts at £24,975 OTR with the front-wheel drive manual transmission and £27,900 OTR for the 4WD automatic version.

To celebrate the launch of the Mitsubishi Eclipse Cross in the UK, a special 'First Edition' version will be available for a limited time. The First Edition is based on the Eclipse Cross 4 but is bolstered with a number of exclusive extras including a premium paint finish, carbon-finish bumper corner and side extension kit with red inserts, additional silver styling details to the front and rear, special First Edition floor mats with red

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Order books for the Mitsubishi Eclipse Cross open in October but customers are able to register their interest now by visiting www.mitsubishi-cars.co.uk/eclipse-cross/

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AS THE weather takes a turn for the worse, many motorists may consider buying a 4x4 for the winter months.

Automotive data company hpi has put together a list of this season's best buys. Motoring expert Tim Bearder considers which vehicles will minimise any potential loss in value if you bought now and sold in the spring.

Tim said: "Vehicle depreciation can be the biggest cost in running a car. If you choose a model with low depreciation it can save the average motorist thousands. Our analysis shows

the Suzuki Jimny, Dacia Duster, Nissan Juke, and Vauxhall Mokka lost only £300 to £600 over the last 12 months. Be sure to check if your SUV is 2WD or FWD as most cars look the same, and many SUV like Nissan Qashqai are mainly 2WD.

"If your budget stretches to £40-£60,000 then three cars that spring to mind is the Porsche Macan, Mercedes GLC and the Jaguar F-Pace. Our money is still with the Porsche Macan, although any of these models are safe bets the Macan still has a quoted lead time of up to seven

months with means if you want one sooner you are going to have to pay a premium for a used one.

"For a lower budget, the Land Rover Freelander or Kia Sportage are excellent buys. Also take a look at the Jeep Wrangler, which is not only a capable icon but has become very popular in the vehicle enhancement and conversion sector. This has strengthened desire and demand for this vehicle and values for this car have been very stable over the past year."

hpi say that recent models to

zero depreciation are Seat Altea, Skoda Kodiaq and Ford Kuga.

hpi recently launched a vehicle valuations service to give consumers the ability to buy and sell cars with utmost confidence offering them the inside view on the total cost of ownership of a vehicle during its lifespan along with precise depreciation figures.

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Subaru Forester gets even safer with eyesight

SUBARU Forester has been updated in time for winter with the addition of EyeSight, Subaru's advanced driver assist technology, fitted as standard equipment.

EyeSight acts as a second pair of eyes for the driver and depending on the vehicle's speed, can completely avoid and significantly reduce the severity of accidents at high speed.

With safety one of the main objectives, EyeSight was also developed to lower carbon emissions by reducing incident congestion and subsequently lower the economic effects of sitting in traffic.

EyeSight has two stereo cameras, mounted on each side of the rear-view mirror, and they use image recognition to capture three-dimensional colour images with clinical precision. The

technology can distinguish vehicles, motorbikes, bicycles, pedestrians, lane markings and road furniture and can differentiate between these and determine the general traffic conditions.

With an emphasis on real-world tests and evaluations, EyeSight has been developed to correspond exclusively to the individual country's traffic conditions.

In total EyeSight uses six technologies to maximise safety including Adaptive Cruise Control, Pre-Collision Braking, Pre-Collision Throttle Management, Lane Departure and Sway Warning, Lane Keep Assist and Lead Vehicle Start Alert.

The institute for Traffic Accident Research and Data Analysis in Japan produced a study of Subaru vehicles involved in accidents be-

tween 2010 and 2014. It found that there were 61% fewer accidents involving EyeSight equipped cars compared to those without.

Globally, the milestone of one million EyeSight-equipped vehicles on the road was hit back in 2016.

In the UK, Forester is the third model in the range to be fitted with EyeSight. Subaru vehicles are already among the safest on the road today; with all three vehicles in the SUV range receiving the maximum 5* Euro NCAP rating.

EyeSight will be standard equipment on all Forester XE Lineartronic and XE Premium Lineartronic models from October and will also be equipped with a black shark fin antenna and DAB radio. Prices start from £28,995.00 on the road.

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The new Nissan X-Trail: World's best-selling SUV gets even better with higher quality enhancements

THE NISSAN X-Trail is the world's best-selling SUV and now available with a range of upgrades which further enhance its quality and refinement. The changes include a distinctive and robust redesign of the exterior, a higher-quality interior with desirable new features, additional practicality for owners and innovative new technologies to make life on the road even safer.

For drivers seeking new levels of flexibility and greater freedom when they want it, the new Nissan X-Trail will be available with ProPILOT autonomous drive technology.

The enhancements to X-Trail are based on consumer insight and customer feedback, and are designed to reinforce the X-Trail's position as the perfect car for family adventures.

Robust new exterior design

The Nissan X-Trail has always been known for its sculpted and muscular styling, with chiselled lines, high wheel arches and elegant curves on the bonnet. All of those characteristics remain, and are now showcased through a distinctive and robust redesign of the front end, adding a new dynamism and more premium styling cues.

At its heart is Nissan's latest 'V-motion' grille, wider than before for a more impactful appearance on the road and echoed in the design of the bumper beneath. The redesign makes much greater use of the X-Trail's body colour, with the visible black plastic benefiting from a smart new gloss black finish.

On either side of the grille are new headlamp clusters, with much clearer design differentiation between the halogen units on Visia, Acenta and N-Connecta grades and full LEDs on Tekna. Both feature the latest version of the X-Trail's 'boomerang' Daytime Running Light signature.

For models with full LED lamps, dipped beam now features Adaptive Front Lighting System (AFS). This means dynamic cornering lamps operating in conjunction with the vehicle's speed and steering inputs. Also appearing on the new Qashqai crossover, this is the first use of AFS for Nissan in Europe, and means greater illumination of a corner's apex for better visibility and road safety. On high beam, the beam pattern is now wider than before, also improving visibility.

The biggest change to the profile of

the new X-Trail is the addition of a chrome side moulding across the base of the two doors. Creating a more dynamic appearance, this is standard on Tekna grade. There's also a new 18" alloy wheel available on N-Connecta grade.

The upgrades have resulted in a very slight change to the overall length of the car – an increase of 50mm means it's now 4,690mm from bumper to bumper. There is no change to the new X-Trail's width (1,830mm), height (1,710mm on Visia and Acenta, 1,740mm on N-Connecta and Tekna) or wheelbase (2,705mm). The exterior changes have not affected the new X-Trail's aerodynamic performance, with a Cd rating of 0.32.

Six of the eight existing exterior colours have been carried over, with four vibrant new additional shades added – Monarch Orange, Palatial Ruby, Sapphire Blue and Picador Brown.

Standard equipment and options

Every new Nissan X-Trail comes with six airbags as standard, plus driver assistance systems including anti-lock brakes and stability control. Other standard equipment includes cruise control with speed limiter,

Bluetooth connectivity, manual air-conditioning, electric folding / heated door mirrors and alloy wheels.

Depending on the grade chosen, other available features include an opening panoramic sunroof, leather upholstery, privacy glass, dual-zone automatic air-conditioning and roof rails.

Additional options include exterior styling plates and side styling bars. Genuine Nissan accessories include

the roof bars, a fixed towbar with electric hook-up and a Paw Pack designed to make the X-Trail the ultimate car for canine adventures which comprises of a dog guard, ramp, dog bed, non-spill water bowl, boot liner and accessory tidy.

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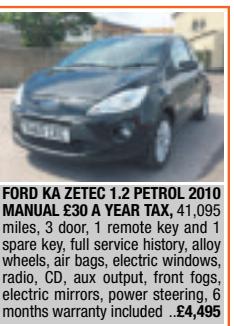
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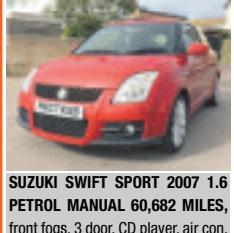
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jack high bowls round-up

Near perfect end to season for Fenny

FENITON with Roger Smith

THE final week of the season involved the mixed team in five matches. They won away at Chardstock by 54-50. The winning rinks was R Lovering, A Pritchard, R North and R Veitch 22-9. They also defeated local rivals Honiton by 76-61. The winning rinks were C Maynard, Ru Clarke and I Veitch 22-9, J Wheatley, J Livings and R Veitch 22-17 and J Skinner, D Downs and A Kury 18-12. They were also victorious against Sidmouth by 96-51. The winning rinks were G Skinner, A Pritchard, Ru Clarke and I Veitch 28-12, D Downs, J Mitchell, L Ley and A Kury 25-9, A Coyne, J Skinner, J Livings and D Coyne 22-13 and T Cox, M Mitchell, R Veitch and R Clarke 21-17. This was followed by a win against visitors Uffculme by 95-89. The winning rinks were D Sanders, J Wheatley, G Phillips and D Phillips 31-13 and D Bowden, G Skinner, A Coyne and D Coyne 17-15. The only minor blemish on the week was a narrow defeat at home to Pincers Garden by 72-75. The only winning rink was T Cox, B Bowden, A Kury and S Kury 21-17.

The Closing Drive was combined with the Presidents game, which had been previously postponed due to bad weather. The Spider com-

petition was won by Roger Clarke. The winning team on the afternoon, after a recount, was B Bowden, D Bowden and R Lovering. Richard North made the presentations and thanked everyone for their support during his three year tenure as President. In response the Club Captain, Graham Phillips, congratulated the President on his excellent term in office.

HONITON with Julie Grant

AS THE outdoor bowls season closes the indoors starts. Honiton finished their outdoor season with results which rather reflected much of the summer as they lost to visitors from Bovey Tracey 57 shots to 72, top triple Mike Critchley, Jimmy Smith and Gerry Stafrace 17-15, then went away and lost to Feniton 61 shots to 76 with one winning rink of Malcolm Granger, Ron Rogers and Daphne Courtney 23-14.

The Open Day and Evening saw over a dozen interested newcomers. Free taster sessions continue on Fridays at 6.00pm, call 01404 45999 book places.

Club finalists celebrated their winnings at Presentation Evening but members are tinged with sadness at the sudden passing of Ian McKenzie who had joined in on the recent club tour.

Indoors always commences with a "friendly" match of the ladies versus the gents. An enjoyable afternoon, well it was for the ladies who won 94 shots to 79, although the men did have one winning rink of Garry Osborne, Ron Rogers, Dennis Hillyear and Barry Randall 27-24. The ladies top rink, just, was Myra Singleton, Joan Mackintosh, Rita Barwick and Julie Grant.

SEVERALLS with Pru Robbins

BLUE CIRCLE Bowls Club Touring side won a six-rink friendly match 124-98 on September 4th, scores: R. Agar, S. Gould, Ann Larcombe & R. Devney 14-23. Alec Larcombe, A. McLaren, H. Leammon & K. Leammon 27-10. L. McLaren, S. Arnell, T. Cannon & D. Rees 16-20. C. Rawe, J. Chance, John Stacey & R. Hodder 14-16. P. Loaring, G. Calloway, S. Cannon & M. Rawe 18-13, Janet Roy, P. Stringer & Brian? 9-42.

On Saturday 9th September the NOMADS won a four rink friendly triples 62-58, scores: S. Arnell, B. McCallum 7 M. Rawe 14-12. J. Chance, H. Leammon & K. Leammon 19-9. J. Brazier, P. Loaring & R. Devney 16-16. S. Hodder, G. Calloway & R. Hodder 14-25.

There was a third defeat on Sunday 10th September as the SUFFOLK COUNTY PRESIDENT'S Touring side clinched a 59-54 victory, scores: M. Robins, N. Patel & R. Hodder 13-8. J. Chance, H. Leammon & G. Kerr 7-9. S. Arnell, T. Cannon & D. Rees 6-10.

N. Austin, P. Loaring & M. Rawe 11-11. R. Agar, A. McLaren & Ann Larcombe 7-15. C. Phinn, S. Cannon & R. Devney 10-6.

CREWKERNE won a Wessex Mixed Friendly League match 87-83 on September 12th, rink scores: L. McLaren, N. Austin, C. Pocock & L. Cannon 28 M. Harwood 20. C. Phinn, A. McLaren, Ann Larcombe & R. Devney 21 D. Smith 17. S. Arnell, J. Chase, Alec Larcombe & M. Rawe 14 D. Tare 32. D. Rees, G. Calloway, S. Cannon & D. Rees 24 J. Smith 14.

The club ended the losing run on September 16th when TAUNTON DEANE were defeated 79-63 a four rink friendly, scores: S. Hodder, N. Patel, Alec Larcombe & R. Devney 24-14. S. Gould, S. Arnell, H. Leammon & K. Leammon 20-18. C. Phinn, J. Chance, A. McLaren & Ann Larcombe 20-15. L. McLaren, G. Calloway, C. Pocock & R. Hodder 15-16.

Meanwhile, the President's team came out on top 71-65 in the annual closure of the green match against the chairman's team on September 17th, scores: J. Agar, N. Patel & M. Rawe 6 M. Robins, J. Chance & D. Rees 22. S. Arnell, A. McLaren & G. Kerr, K. Leammon 19 N. Austin, S. Hodder, R. Agar & P. Loaring 18 D. Eigelaar, C. Rawe, H. Leammon & R. Hodder 24. L. McLaren, A. Larcombe & R. Devney 30 F. Agar, McCallum & A. Larcombe 6.

Finally, in the last outdoor game of the season brought a 98-73 in the first ever trip to WELLINGTON, scores: Alec Larcombe, N. Austin, D. Brolly & D. Rees 22 K. Foneraker 21. C. Pocock, J. Stacey, Ann Larcombe & R. Devney 32 D. Vile 15. A. Brolly, G. Calloway, R. Hodder & K. Leammon 21 I. Thompson 17. S. Arnell, B. McCallum, P. Loaring & M. Rawe 23 T. Gibson 20.

CHARDSTOCK with Jean Crisp

IT HAS been a wonderful year for the Club. Our membership has increased by 25%, we have played 95 matches despite the often inclement weather and two of our ladies made it through to the County Finals Day at Topsham.

As usual, the Club held its Open Day in April which was well attended and resulted in 11 new members. The Club's policy of ensuring that these inexperienced players get a minimum of four coaching sessions, spread over four weeks, from our qualified coaching staff pays big dividends as these players soon gain enough confidence to play in some of our friendly matches. Their progress was evident this year as the percentage of matches won increased as the season progressed.

Aside from the 50 friendly matches played, the Club was well represented in the Exeter & District Men's Over 60s Triples League, the Foxlands Trophy and the Top Club competition.

A number of our bowlers also represented the Club in the County Section 3 competitions, with a number of members winning through to their respective quarter and semi-final stages. In the Over 60s League the most memorable performance was a 32-6 win for Ken Wakelin, Marr Toms and Norman Denslow in the match away at Madeira, probably the biggest and strongest club in the area. However, in all the competitions pride of place must go to Eileen Rolph and Gill Campbell who won their County Section 3 final and went on to play in the Finals Day against other section winners.

For such a small club to achieve so much in one season is quite exceptional.

Chard swimmers impress in relays

FOUR swimmers from Chard and District Swimming Club took part in the Swim England, South West Regional Relay competition held at the Plymouth Life Centre last weekend.

The Relay team consisting of Millie Downs, Briana Barland, Grace Lambert, and Abi Greenslade, swam brilliantly.

Competing against much larger clubs from across the region, such as Bristol, Exeter, Poole and Mount Kelly, the Chard team held their own. The girls outstanding performance saw them win their 4x100m Freestyle heat, taking 7th place overall in the final and coming 6th in the 4x100m Medley relay. Congratulations to the team on such an outstanding performance.

If you are aged six plus and can confidently swim 25m (one length) front crawl, have reasonable skills in two other strokes and are interested in competitive swimming please visit www.chardswimmingclub.org.uk for more information and a free trial.

Sessions are held at Flamingo Pool in Axminster, Cresta Pool, Chard and Aqua Centre at Crewkerne.



■ SINGLES SUCCESSES: Honiton Bowling Club's singles winners Carole Binmore, Gerry Stafrace and Yvonne Rayner.

starter's orders running news

Leeson's Century run

CHARD ROAD RUNNERS were out in more numbers this weekend and definitely ticked off the miles with a sting in the tail!

A trip down to West Fleet, Nr Weymouth was the first outing for CRR's in the Hero's Challenge Marathon a hilly trail race. Heading off with the pack Paul Masters moved to gain some early places over the early road section before the narrow coastal paths made overtaking harder, heading out of Abbotsbury the hills slowed progress but Paul was still making steady pace.

Thomas Hardy's monument was the halfway spot and the highest point of this hard hilly marathon with over 700 metres of elevation, so heading out from this point Paul was feeling every mile and metre of climb with the last mile having a significant climb and a run down to the line Paul pushed hard in a time of 4h 42m 23s and 4th place.

Next to the Start line for CRR's was Andrew Leeson who took on the Cotswoold Century Challenge. This race is a 102 mile non-stop race from Chipping Campden to Bath Abbey along the Cotswold Way, this off road trails route takes in over 4000 meters of elevation. Heading out at 12 Noon of Saturday,

Andy Leeson, who a year ago had just completed his first 10k race with CRR's, was off and setting himself into a steady pace. After 20 miles the pack had spread out and Andy had formed with a small group that allowed them to share the navigation responsibilities, as the night drew in Andy had moved on in a smaller group and was keeping good pace under the light of his headtorch, with good concentration Andy's navigation helped to keep the miles to a minimum and as the early morning sun was raising Andy had picked off a number of places. Keeping his concentration through the morning was helped by some amazing views and some good weather conditions Andy by mid-day was making the climb up towards the north of Bath a feeling the miles under his feet, making the top of the major climbs and looking out from the Race Course was a massive moment in the realisation that this epic journey was achievable, a long painful downhill into Bath City centre was a new challenge but it was a strong motivation for Andy as he entered Bath Abbey square and crossed the line in 26h 44m 12s an amazing achievement.

skittles colyton

Div 1: Cloakham A 414 (A Beer, S Flint 77) Gerrard A 384 (M Johnson 74); Vine B 341 (K Gush 68) Lamb B 341 (D Lucas 60); Axminster Con A 297 (C Sharp 55) Honiton Con D 296 (W Collins 57); Offwell A 358 (J Lockyer 67) Colyton Club A 383 (A Potter 71); Red Lion Cavaliers 365 (D Thompson 68) Volunteer A 390 (M Gillard 77); Seaton FC A 353 (M Searle 65) Tuckers Arms B 343 (D Coombes, K Tratt 59); New Inn A v by;

Div 2: Honiton WMC A 313 (S Pye, R Hartley 57) Sidbury Lions 305 (N Anthony 55); Eagle Tavern 397 (C Hutchings 98) Dolphin Vikings 382 (S Jackson 72); Lamb A 337 (M Farmer 65) Vine A 304 (P Eveleigh 60); Sidmouth FC 346 (G Sweetland 72) Colcombe A 338 (S Marks, G Parsons 61);

Vine Nomads 358 (K Munt 66) Wheelwright A 347 (P Squires 62); Gerrard B 375 (D Tucker 78) Cloakham B 403 (B Garner 72); Honiton Converts v by;

Div 3: Kingfisher A 312 (A Bishop 61) Cloakham Wanderers 309 (Liz Hayball 61); Wilmington Harts 375 (J Woolacott 77) Three Tuns BTP 364 (A. 68); Rising Sun A 352 (G West 65) Tuckers A 397 (S Hembrow 72); Heathfield A 394 (D Crabb 79) Col-

combe Beerboys 384 (S Bartlett 70); Volunteer B 307 (I Skinner 58) Mountbatten Whites 305 (J Peace 56); Kings Arms Beers 353 (S Somers 75) White Hart B 304 (P Bowler 55); Red Lion Sidbury v by;

Div 4: Colyton Club B 369 (W Richards 66) Honiton Con A 317 (N Sleeman, M Richards 59); New Inn B 327 (D Hodder 66) Honiton WMC B 300 (J Smith 55); Colcombe B 418 (T Reynolds 75) Rising Sun B 360 (K White 69); Tuckers Arms C 321 (D Burrough 61) Seaton FC B 298 (D Parks 56); Colcombe Nomads 380 (P Easter 80) Ship A 371 (D Minchin 79); Honiton ConArtists w/o Axminster Inn A; Kings Arms A v by;

Div 5: Hook & Parrot Smugglers 288 (G Stapleton 57) Hook & Parrot, Parrots 311 (P Burrows, R Woollard 56);

Dolphin Dolls 365 (Emma Westlake, R Westlake 70) Heathfield B 338 (M Glaeser, M Fletcher 60); Millway Misfits 368 (S Featherstone 70) Kingfisher B 326 (A Hurford, B Dowell 62); Tuckers Arms D 263 (D Bennett 52); Sidmouth Arms Kings 301 (J Nuttell 56); Seaton Bowling v Wilmington Spares card not in; Offwell B v by;

Heathfield A 394 (D Crabb 79) Col- White Hart A v by;



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Ann wins Betty Harris Memorial Cup



HONITON Golf Club Ladies Captain Janet Hughes presents the Betty Harris Memorial Cup to winner Ann Desmoulins.

cribbage lyme regis

Results (September 18th)

Talbot Arms 3 New Inn Kilm A 2, Gerrard Arms 2 Nags Head 3, Lamb Swans 1 Colyton Club 4, New Inn Kilm B 4 Stepps 1, Ax Con Club 2 Ship Inn LR 3.

Beer League: Talbot Arms 1 New Inn Kilm A 2, Gerrard Arms 1

Nags Head 2, Lamb Swans 0 Colyton Club 3, New Inn Kilm B 3 Stepps 0, Ax Con Club 0 Ship Inn LR 3.

Fixtures (Oct 2nd):

Lamb Swans v New Inn Kilm A, New Inn Kilm B v Nags Head, Talbot Arms v Dolphin, Gerrard Arms v Ship Inn LR, Ax Cons v Stepps.

Beer Lge Pld Pts

Axminster Con Club 3 9

Nags Head 3 9

Ship Inn LR 3 6

Colyton Club 2 7

Lamb Swans 3 7

New Inn Kilm A 2 6

New Inn Kilm B 2 6

Dolphin Beer 2 6

Talbot Arms 2 5

Gerrard Arms 3 3

Stepps 3 1

League Table Pld Pts

Axminster Con Club 3 9

Nags Head 3 9

Ship Inn LR 3 6

Colyton Club 2 4

New Inn Kilm A 2 4

Dolphin Beer 2 4

New Inn Kilm B 2 4

Talbot Arms 2 3

Lamb Swans 3 3

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Andrew Leeson completes the gruelling Cotswold Century Challenge.

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NEWS from the local clubs in the Toolstation, Western, Macron Devon & Exeter and Perry Street Leagues.



ON TARGET:
James Boyland equalised for Chard Town before The Robins sailed to a 3-1 win away at Keynsham Utd.

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Glovers pick up another point

Yeovil Town 1 Port Vale 1

YEOVIL Town picked up another point to remain unbeaten at home this season in League Two after a 1-1 draw with bottom side Port Vale who were under caretaker management after the sacking of Michael Brown last week.

Yeovil now occupy 19th spot after their third successive home draw against sides below them and are now four points from a relegation place.

Port Vale took the lead on 29 minutes when experienced striker Tom Pope was waiting at the far post to head the ball back over Artur Krysiak's head after the Glovers keeper could only get his fingers to Tyler Denton's deep left wing cross.

Olufela Olomola returning after injury had the Glover's first shot on goal on 62 minutes after good work by Francois Zoko, but it was easily gathered by Valiant's keeper Kelle Roos.

However the stopper on loan from Derby County was at fault with Yeovil's equaliser on 69 minutes when he failed to gather Ryan Dickson's cross and Otis Khan pounced to fire home from two yards.

The visitors were reduced to ten men on 79 minutes when debutant James Gibbons was sent off for two

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yellow cards, but Yeovil couldn't take advantage despite forcing five consecutive corners in the final minute of the game.

The Glovers are away to second

bottom Chesterfield today (Tuesday); the Spireites also having sacked their manager Gary Caldwell on the same day as Michael Brown lost his job at Vale Park; before entertaining Colchester on Saturday who are immediately below the Glovers in 20th place.



Sky Bet League Div Two (46)	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Notts County	9	7	1	1	17	8	9	22
Exeter City	9	7	1	1	16	8	8	22
Luton Town	9	5	2	2	18	9	9	17
Accrington Stanley	9	5	1	2	18	12	6	17
Mansfield Town	9	4	4	1	15	9	6	16
Coventry City	9	5	1	3	11	5	6	16
Swindon Town	9	5	1	3	13	12	1	16
Newport County	9	4	3	2	12	8	4	15
Stevenage	9	4	3	2	15	12	3	15
Wycombe Wanderers	9	3	3	2	16	14	2	15
Cambridge Utd	9	4	1	4	8	9	-1	13
Lincoln City	9	3	3	3	11	11	0	12
Grimsby Town	9	4	0	5	12	16	-4	12
Barnet	9	3	2	4	13	1	2	11
Carlisle Utd	9	3	2	4	14	14	0	11
Crewe Alexandra	9	3	2	4	10	14	-4	11
Crawley Town	9	3	1	5	10	11	-1	10
Morecambe	9	2	3	4	9	12	-3	9
YEOVIL TOWN	9	2	3	4	14	21	-7	9
Colchester United	9	2	2	5	13	16	-3	8
Cheltenham Town	9	2	2	5	9	13	-4	8
Port Vale	9	1	2	6	7	13	-6	5
Chesterfield	9	1	2	6	7	18	-11	5
Forest Green Rovers	9	1	2	6	10	22	-12	5

Top scorers
(all comps)

1. Francois Zoko	5
2. Olufela Olomola	4
3. Otis Khan	4
4. Nathan Smith	9

Most Bookings

1= Connor Smith	3
1= Otis Khan	3
2= Olufela Olomola	2
2= Sid Nelson	2

What's next? Upcoming fixtures

Tonight (Tuesday) v Chesterfield (A, 7.45pm ko) Lge 2
 Saturday, Sept 30th v COLCHESTER (H, 3pm) Lge 2
 Saturday, Oct 7th v Newport County (A, 3pm) Lge 2
 Saturday, Oct 14th v CREWE ALEXANDRA (H, 3pm) Lge 2
 Tuesday, Oct 17th v Cambridge Utd (A, 7.45pm) Lge 2
 Saturday, Oct 21st v Barnet (A, 3pm) Lge 2

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